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The Pendulum Swings... Not

Question: Should a bar's hiring policy reflect the clientele that patronizes that particular bar? In other words, if a bar makes a substantial amount of money from Black patrons, should Blacks be visible among the employees—bartenders, managers, etc.?

Now, before you go off, this is *not* another bash against the Pendulum by a disgruntled patron. I have happily patronized the Pendulum over the years and am respectful of this long-standing institution. The point is that it seems only natural that the owners of any bar would hire bartenders who reflect either their clientele *or* the kind of men their clientele want! I see neither in the Pendulum, and want to know why.

For those of you who don't know, this bar has a heavily Black male clientele, which is mostly interested in other Black or white males. The problem remains that this bar does not hire Black bartenders, but certainly seems to court the Black gay dollar!

Over the ten years that I have lived in this most integrated city, I have noticed only two or three Black bartenders in the Pendulum. Blacks seem only to make it to the rank of doorman or barback, but not to positions where the real money can be made.

I do not mean this as an attack on those white bartenders, as I have found most of them to be amiable and good at what they do. But are there no qualified Blacks? Try some of these reasons on for size:

- Blacks don't apply for the position.
- The Black barbacks move on to other jobs.
- The Black barbacks die from AIDS and never graduate to bartender.
- We can't find any qualified Blacks... etc., etc., etc.

C'mon now. The owners and powers that be have been citing these reasons for years, and we are forced to swallow them without question. It is more than obvious that a certain ol' gay white boy network has existed in this bar for years. I know this is a sore spot in many Black patrons' minds. Believe me, there is not a Black man in the Pendulum who doesn't see what's going on.

So why don't we complain? Because it would be dissing the only establishment in the heart of the Castro where Black men can feel comfortable *en masse*. Most bars would feel quite threatened if too many Black men descended on their establishment. (Then the music in the bar would immediately become intolerable in a musical apartheid attempt to discourage people of color.)

Another reason most just turn their back is that we try and search for quantifiable reasons or we exercise sheer denial to justify this subtle form of discrimination; i.e., we just don't want to believe it because, if it's true, then where would we go?

But this is the same policy of exclusion we have faced over the centuries. Blacks *must* show their disdain for this kind of policy that keeps us from obtaining the same opportunities for which whites have been given carte blanche. If you don't stand up for something, then you will put up with anything!

While it would not be fair to say that the current hiring policy is discriminatory, it would be wise and sensitive for the establishment to acknowledge that it is making a profit from the pockets of Black gay men and to hire Blacks in visible positions. I'm sure it would be appreciated in terms of increased revenues for the business.

In conclusion: No, the Pendulum doesn't have to hire any Blacks. And if they do, they can hire Blacks who aren't bartender material, just so they can make a point. However, patience is running out. Patrons are beginning to smell the coffee and/or a rat.

And if so, it would be high time that the Pendulum swings in a new direction. If it doesn't, we *all* stand to lose a good institution just because of ignorance and blindness. Don't let this happen. Do the right thing.

W.W. Wilson
San Francisco

Remember AB101?

Many months have passed since the AB101 veto and subsequent protest/riot were in the public eye. However, for the few defendants, especially the ones who are currently working every week for the Sheriff's Department and wondering how to raise the money to pay off all the exorbitant fines, the experience is still very much in the present.

Mirroring mainstream culture's ability to quickly forget the past and only focus on the "now," the progressive community here in San Francisco has for the most part forgotten about both the events that unfolded at the old State Building the day after Wilson's veto and the few people who were scapegoated, and now suffer for the actions of many. Of those who do remember, a very small number are actually concerned enough to want to help.

It is beyond the scope of this letter to explore the multitude of reasons why there has been so little support from the community for those few who bear the brunt of the legal system's attack. But, if oppositional politics in this city are to become a viable force to be reckoned with, then the lack of solidarity these defendants have received from within activist circles is inexcusable and a testament to the meager extent of people's commitment to one another. How can members of any political group in San Francisco advocate taking action that could result in people getting arrested, while there are still people from previous protests lingering and dealing with the consequences of such actions without organizational support?

As we continue to face a very uncertain and fragile future, with the specter of the rising right-wing before us, and the socioeconomic fabric falling apart beneath us, the possibility and necessity of a concerted militant oppositional movement engaging in actions that go beyond currently acceptable forms of dissent is very real. If this is the case, then the concept of solidarity must cease to be a concept and become a living reality. No one must be left behind in the dust. We must not view each other as cannon fodder. With no assurance that there will be anyone to back them up, who is going to be willing to jeopardize her- or himself?

Right now, AB101 defendants need financial support. We need help with organizing a fundraiser. We need a promoter. We need people to make donations. We need to publicize our plight. We need more committed people working on the various projects of AB101 Defendants Fund. Too few people are doing work that should be done by many.

The choice is simple: Will the AB101 defendants remain forgotten scapegoats left to rot in the dustbin of San Francisco activist history, casting a dark shadow over the future? Or will people come to our aid and help us put these legal consequences behind us, giving hope and encouragement to others who may find themselves in similar situations in the future?

Send contributions to: AB101 Defendants Fund, 500 Leavenworth, Apt. 606, SF, CA 94109; to help, call (415) 431-8615 or (415) 241-0131.

Stefan Wray
AB101 Defendant
San Francisco

It Cuts Both Ways: Homophobia And Anti-Catholicism

I don't know which is more offensive to me: the stupidity of the Vatican's Congregation for the Defense of the Faith concerning the subject of homosexuality or the psychological violence of the bigotry of anti-Catholicism which is so widespread. Ironically, anti-Catholicism has existed among both Protestant biblical literalists and ideological secularists.

Many gay Bay Areans embrace the bigotry of anti-Catholicism—a hatred to which they were exposed in their religious or secularist childhood environments—as a legitimate and psychologically wholesome response to the ignorance, fear and prejudgments concerning homosexuality periodically released by Pope John Paul II's Vatican bureaucrats.

What is the rational response to these stupid statements out of the Vatican? There is no clearly perceived single response because of the complexity and diversity of both the makeup of the Roman Catholic Church's understanding of homosexuality and the historical acceptance of anti-Catholicism in the United States.

Perhaps a practical response would be "in-one-ear-and-out-the-other," because the reality is that at least 70 percent of Roman Catholic believers in the United States have long since concluded that neither the Bishop of Rome nor the American bishops enjoy any competence on matters of human sexuality. Let Roman Catholic priests, nuns and lay persons, both gay and non-gay, continue their task of trying to enlighten the Pope and bishops concerning homosexuality.

Gay Americans, if they are insightful, should look behind the stupid Vatican statement to see how badly the gay liberation movement has failed to enlighten much of the public—including the Roman Catholic bishops who have a long history of involvement in issues of social justice.

As the Archbishop of Milwaukee said in the *New York Times* (July 18, 1992), the Vatican's embrace of civil discrimination against gay persons as teachers, coaches and military personnel is probably due to its opposition to the evolution in the civil law of the United States of the concept of domestic partnership as an alternative sexual union to civil marriage.

Unlike the San Francisco Bay Area, gay citizens of Massachusetts have had the basic wisdom to discern the fundamental intellectual correctness of the Roman Catholic Church's logical conclusion that domestic partnership, as a sexual union, totally undermines the vitality and sacredness of civil marriage as the fundamental social unit of a civilized society.

Ironically, by embracing domestic partnership many gay Bay Areans have intellectually and gleefully accepted second-class status for the sexual union of love of gay couples. This is why those gay Massachusetts citizens have rejected domestic partnership, aiming instead to achieve social justice by redefining civil marriage to include couples of the same sex.

Let us all have the internal courage and fortitude to hold onto the faith we have usually received from our parents and their parents back through the centuries.

James Francis Gibbons
San Leandro

More Than a "Grandma"

"The one bright spot was grandma Ann Richards, whose easy charm succeeded in making Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein sound wooden and contrived." Thus spoke Adam Block in his story ("Party Poop," *SF Bay Times*, July 16) about the Democratic National Convention.

Mr. Block, I would like to point something out to you that you may have been unaware of. Ann Richards is governor of Texas. Can you say that, Mr. Block? "Texas Governor Ann Richards..." That wasn't so hard, was it? Let's try again. "Ann Richards, a long-respected figure in Texas politics even before her ascent to the governorship in 1990..." How about, "Respected stateswoman Ann Richards, governor of Texas, whose brilliant and hysterically funny keynote address at the 1988 Democratic Convention brought her national recognition"?

Now, was that so difficult? Maybe I need to spell it out more clearly. Look, schmuck, Ann Richards is governor of Texas. She is a tough, astute politician who survived a primary election so ugly it became a national joke. She is an accomplished speaker, a seasoned public servant and one of the most powerful women in this country.

For you to refer to this woman solely as "grandma" is beyond sexist. It makes me embarrassed for you. I expect at least a pretense of feminist consciousness from gay male journalists. With that one turn of phrase, you have made clear your utter cluelessness about what women have to endure in this world.

Perhaps I need to make this point even more obvious, since you have shown yourself to be lacking in even the rudiments of feminist politics. You do not refer to women solely in terms of their offspring, Mr. Block. You do not trivialize women by ignoring their accomplishments. And you do not brush women off by reducing them to a safe, cuddly, nurturing, non-threatening stereotype. To do so insults every woman who has ever tried to gain recognition for her own achievements.

Kristen Springer
San Francisco

The Eye of the Beholder

This letter is in response to Yohana Knobloch ("Offensive Greeting Cards," *SF Bay Times*, July 16) and the other agenda-oriented dykes in our community.

I am tired of this fascist faction deciding what we can and cannot read, see, buy or think. If the card in question was in the male section, as you state, Ms. Knobloch, I'm surprised you were perusing there. Could it be that you were looking for just one more thing to pin against the male population as our "offensive" and "oppressive" attitudes toward women, or were you attracted to the card because of the sight of two beautiful babes in G-strings?

Obviously, it appealed to you or you wouldn't have picked up the card. I'll bet if the card had said, "A woman will suck your clit (or tit) for a drink," instead of "cock," you probably would have found it amusing, appealing to your sexual interests, and would have proceeded to buy several to send to friends. But, because it mentioned male genitalia, which does not meet the criteria of your lifestyle or

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United Against AIDS? The Conference, Maybe —But the World Isn't

by Tim Kingston

Despite the media circus surrounding Elizabeth Taylor's attacks on the Bush administration's immigration policy, despite the media hysteria around the "discovery" of a non-HIV or mutant retrovirus, and despite the myriad actions unleashed by the international ACT UP movement against a number of nervous pharmaceuticals—the Eighth International AIDS conference, in Amsterdam, was—dare I say it—almost calm.

What scientific progress there was—primarily surrounding therapeutic vaccines—was incremental. For the third year running, "combination therapy" was a term rolling off of everyone's lips. But this time the studies concretely show that AZT and ddI combinations are more effective than monotherapies of either drug—a finding that surprised no one present.

The best news out of the conference, for many activists, is that D-4-T—a reverse transcriptase inhibitor similar to AZT, without its side effects—will be available within a few weeks from Bristol Meyers as part of a genuine parallel-track program. But that information came virtually as an aside, in response to a question from ACT UP/Golden Gate during one of the anti-viral sessions.

"It feels like the train has left the station," commented Andrew Zysman, M.D., of ACT UP/GG. "We are hearing about trials in progress. People are not holding onto their data as much. We are getting data all year round. That is why this conference is less interesting [than in the past]." Zysman also noted that four clinical trials of anti-Kaposi's sarcoma therapies are due to begin shortly.

Derek Link, of New York's PWA Health Group, paid tribute to the conference organizers' attempts at inclusion, as opposed to the hardline science emphasis in Florence last year, saying, "This has been the most integrated conference ever. HIV-infected women were more visible than at any other conference."

Yet for every activist and researcher satisfied with the conference, there were a half-dozen angrily critiquing the gathering for rerunning old data, not looking at new research paths, and treating AIDS as the new gravy train. Mark Harrington of the Treatment Action Group (TAG) in New York, asserted, "The conference has this normalcy to it. There is an AIDS conference once a year. The [AIDS] activists are doing their thing. The AIDS treatment activists are not communicating with the [AIDS] activists. Everything is an old record. There are few innovative trials underway. Basic research is being done, but not here [at the conference]."

Even Martin Delaney, director of Project Inform, who generally refrains from criticizing the conference, angrily commented that researchers re-presenting data from last year should not be allowed in. Delaney specifically critiqued Dr. Sam Broder of the National Cancer Institute for repeating himself.

Perhaps the most jarring indication that this is just another industry-wide conference—be it AIDS or auto manufacturing—was the presence of clowns and mimes in the hallways of the RAI center, where the conference was held. Added to that were string quartets playing during the opening and closing ceremonies. Granted, I'm prejudiced and believe mimes should be shot on sight, but what on earth were they doing at an AIDS conference? I hate to be a killjoy, but the word "inappropriate" springs to mind. Inappropriate also springs to mind when the word "normalcy" is linked to the phrase "AIDS epidemic."

Photo by Marc Geller

Resident alien Tomas Fabregas speaking at a press conference upon being allowed back into the U.S.

ENLARGING THE FOLD

The most successful attempt at inclusion during the Amsterdam conference was the way the AIDS-activist and AIDS-treatment activist agendas were made an integral part of the program. Originally scheduled for Boston, the AIDS conference was moved to Amsterdam due to the Bush adminstration's intransigence on the issue of refusing to allow people with HIV and AIDS to travel to, or immigrate to, the United States.

As one miffed CNN reporter put it, the opening ceremonies were more akin to a political rally than a scientific conference. Speaker after speaker denounced the Bush administration's stance on immigration. The opening culminated with the surprise appearance of Tomas Fabergas, a Spanish citizen with HIV and a member of ACT UP/SF. He charged that the policy of deporting non-citizens with HIV only drives people underground and away from medical treatment, which worsens the problem: "We hide, and transmission increases needlessly."

Just to drive the point home, Fabergas personally challenged President Bush to stop him from entering the country. Fabergas gave his flight number and time of arrival in San Francisco, and kept repeating it to the applause of the hall full of researchers. "For too long, George Bush and that ass-kissing Louis Sullivan [Secretary of Health and Human Services]...knowingly and willingly conducted policies that contradict medical treatment [of AIDS]." (Fabergas re-entered the country without incident on July 25.)

It was not just the federal government that took a beating. Richard Rochon, a person with AIDS from ACT UP/Boston, used most of his allotted time to trash Astra Pharmaceuticals—manufacturer of Foscarnet, which, at about $21,000 a year, is the most expensive AIDS treatment available. Astra got it right between the eyes in front of all the world's media when Rochon declared an international boycott of one of the company's primary moneymakers: xylocaine. The drug is used by dentists the world over. "To the drug companies in the audience, SHAME on you!" declared Rochon to a standing ovation of activists and researchers. "Astra, we know you are here and we will not give up the fight till you drop the price!" Moments later, a phalanx of activists charged out of the main hall and trashed Astra Pharmaceuticals' booth, stickering everything in sight and overturning some chairs.

Johnathan Mann, conference chair, told *SF Bay Times*, "The policy of inclusion has worked... People have proven that you can have good science and social issues under the same roof."

Mann stressed that the rules have changed, saying that a concerted effort had been made to include women at all levels of the conference—including the steering committee. Mann said that a similar effort had been made to include representation from the developing/underdeveloped nations, particularly Africa and Asia, where the epidemic is raging virtually unchecked. According to Mann, 12 to 13 percent of the delegates were from the developing nations, a marked improvement compared with other AIDS conferences. Despite these improvements, the conference had the feel of an American outpost based in Europe. A vast majority of the over 10,000 delegates came from the United States, particularly from San Francisco and New York.

FINALLY AT THE TABLE: WOMEN AND HIV

The single most important and radical aspect of the Amsterdam conference was its attempt to ensure that women, and *issues* of women with HIV, were an essential part of the agenda. Unfortunately, the data about women and HIV was, at best, insufficient and, at worst, positively sexist.

After ten years of neglect, women with HIV were not about to be ignored. They got the very first word in at the Amsterdam gathering with a pre-conference workshop for women living with AIDS and HIV. "It was incredible—60 women from 35 countries—all HIV-positive," declared Rebecca Denison, founder of *WORLD* (Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases), an Oakland-based newsletter for women with AIDS.

Denison says that in spite of the cultural and national differences between the women at the pre-conference workshop, HIV-positive women around the world share something in common: a sense of isolation. "In the rare instances where they are not isolated, [AIDS and HIV] is not discussed." Denison says the best part of the workshop was twofold: a realization of the need for self-empowerment, and a realization of the need for independently funded medical and political organizations for women living with AIDS and HIV.

The pre-conference gathering was the kickoff for a week of activity that challenged the ubiquitous invisibility and neglect of women with HIV. The women formulated a list of demands including separate funding, the right for women to make their own reproductive choices rather than being immediately counseled to have an abortion if they are HIV-positive, and a demand for more research regarding the impact of AIDS on women.

The main focus for many of the American AIDS activists at the conference was to target the policy at the United States' Centers for Disease Control. Activists want the CDC to change the definition of AIDS to include opportunistic infections that strike women. European activists tended to focus on issues of direct access to health care for women, rather than focus on the more indirect route to access that a change in the CDC definition implies.

Terry McGovern, director of the HIV Law Project in New York, was given a major plenary session to critique the CDC definition of AIDS and demand the inclusion of recurrent bacterial pneumonia, pulmonary TB, cervical dysplasia, vaginal candidiasis and pelvic inflammatory disease, among others.

McGovern also struck out at the CDC's defense that activists and advocates are confusing the "ancillary" uses of the definition— medical and social services benefits—with its stated purpose of epidemiology (i.e., the study of who, where and how many people are affected by the epidemic). McGovern asked, "Has the CDC fulfilled [the] basic mandate of epidemiology? No, it has not. The CDC has absolutely undercounted the intensity and frequency with which AIDS is occurring in women, intravenous drug users and children. By only counting those who happen to manifest the 23 illnesses, which [predominantly affect] white gay men... the CDC has not accurately depicted this epidemic."

After being repeatedly hounded by women's advocates and AIDS activists whenever he appeared, CDC Director Jim Curran finally agreed to a telephone meeting with activists on Aug. 3, to nail down a timeline as to when the long-delayed new CDC AIDS definition, based on 200 T-cells, will actually come into effect. Whether anything comes of the meeting remains to be seen.

The most striking example of the way in which conference organizers attempted to include women—while the content of the current state of research excludes women—was a session on the natural history of HIV in women. Despite the best intentions of the organizers, the data presented continued to rely on male-centered research models. Five separate presentations concluded that the progression of HIV in women is very similar to that of men—this was based on women being compared to men as the norm, rather than HIV-infected women being compared to non-HIV infected women. Additionally, none of the presenters bothered to discuss the gynecological manifestations of AIDS in women.

"Basically they were saying that men are the standard by which to judge HIV!" snarled Sally Zierler, an epidemiologist at Brown University's School of Public Health. "There was nothing about gynecological manifestations. Nothing about reproduction. Nothing about sexual victimization. Nothing about the special economic role of women as health care providers... Women's experience was not discussed. It is so offensive talking about gender-related HIV and failing to recognize anything about women specifically." (There was a very successful session on reproductive choices for women with HIV.)

Patricia Kloser, founder of the New Jersey Women's AIDS Network, pointed out that she was the last speaker on the last day and was not even listed on the program. She stressed the need to educate women about HIV, and said the ripple effect would result in entire families being educated, given the role of caregiver that women invariably end up filling. Kloser emphasizes that questions remain about differences in dosing regimens for AIDS treatments for men and women with HIV. "There is an urgent need for gender-specific studies. And it is important to include women in appropriate numbers. Finally, it is important to study cervical and vaginal diseases

and not just study the health of the fetus [during pregnancy]. Kloser adds, "Women are literally dying for answers."

TO DAM OR NOT TO DAM? THAT IS THE QUESTION

The Terence Higgins Trust (THT), Great Britain's version of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, poked a hornets' nest by presenting a poster for lesbians that urged women to "ditch those dental dams" and only use gloves "if they turn you on." The poster states that the greatest risk of HIV transmission to lesbians is needle use and sex with men.

This message sent many American and European AIDS activists into the stratosphere, and prompted an ACT UP zap of the THT. Such responses within the conference, naturally, attracted the mainstream media like moths to a flame.

"We have got lesbians in denial," declared Tonisa Clardy of Project Inform. "In the absence of good data, it is unconscionable to not use barriers such as gloves or latex. We don't have enough data of viral load in menstrual blood. It sends mixed messages."

Sonia Lane, an ACT UP member from Australia, present at the zap, said the poster's message was problematic. "The message about needles and sex with men is good. But abandoning dental dams negates that. There is a lot of resistance in the dyke community to talking about safe sex, and this reinforces being dismissive of safer sex."

According to THT, the poster was designed after a major campaign in Britain to get lesbians to use dental dams. Abby Daniels, head of counseling at THT, argued, "We feel, in a European context, women are not using dental dams for oral sex. The evidence coming through shows lesbians infected with HIV have other risks. We feel the evidence is good enough to say that latex is not needed." She added, "We are not talking about other STDs, just HIV."

"This is a culturally specific poster generated by lesbians in London," noted Cindy Patton, a Boston-based AIDS educator and author. "They are making a particular interpretation. The poster says that oral sex is a low risk, not no risk." She pointed out that, in comparison to the American positions of risk elimination, Canadian AIDS educators decided that oral risk was not enough of a risk to hit hard with education campaigns. "But campaigns in the U.S. went the other way." Patton also noted it may have been a mistake to have the poster at the conference, but adds that ACT UP might better use its energies by zapping more homophobic or AIDSphobic groups.

The zap ended, ironically enough, with all the women protesters exiting the scene, leaving a group of gay men from ACT UP and the THT arguing the merits of whether or not lesbians should be using dental dams. Some things never change.

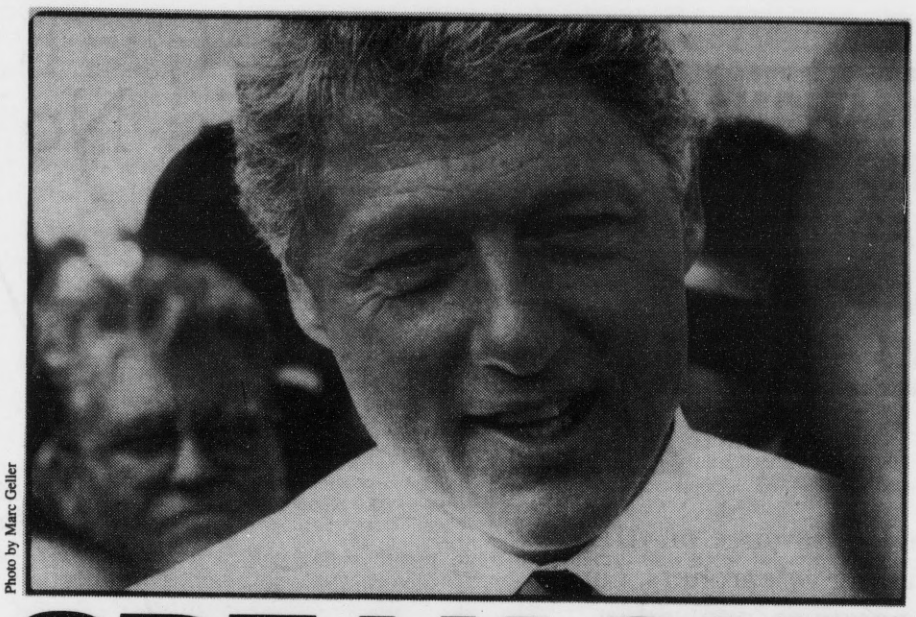
ACTING UP ALL OVER

The media images of Elizabeth Taylor working with the ACT UP immigration group to attack Bush's immigration policy, and Mark Harrington critiquing the AIDS research priorities of the National Institutes of Health at a major plenary session, show both how far AIDS activists have come, and how far they have to go.

Overall, ACT UP succeeded in targeting Astra Pharmaceuticals for the price of Foscarnet. They also went after Abbott Laboratories for their refusal to provide HIVIG—a drug that may prevent vertical transmission of HIV from mothers to children—for clinical trials. In addition, ACT UP attacked both the United States and other nations with restrictive HIV travel and immigration policies. All in all ACT UP's demands have become integral to the agenda of the conference.

At the final closing ceremonies, one of the final speakers (one of five white men in business suits) still managed to use the phrase "good working environment" to describe the conference. Somehow the use of that phrase reminded me of the mimes and clowns. It was almost an insult to those we have lost, and the use of the phrase summed up many of the problems that still exist.

An angry Ben Schatz, director of the San Francisco-based Medical Retention Project, snapped, "It is just infuriating that those least affected by the epidemic are dominating it."



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SPEAK OUT AND STAND UP FOR CLINTON!

For four days in July, the gay/lesbian/bisexual community witnessed unprecedented visibility at the Democratic National Convention. We saw Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg speak to the country as an out lesbian. We saw Bob Hattoy, a gay man with AIDS, decry Bush administration AIDS policies. We knew that behind the scenes, Supervisor Carole Migden wielded her power on our community's behalf, from the influential position she'd won in the party's hierarchy. When the cameras panned over the crowd, we saw plenty of signs that demanded "Lesbian and Gay Rights Now."

And we saw Bill Clinton, in his acceptance speech, talk about "the stereotypes that blind us." He said: "We need each other. All of us... We don't have a person to waste.... And yet for too long politicians have told the most of us that are doing all right that what's really wrong with America is the rest of us. Them."

Clinton continued, "*Them* the minorities... *them* the liberals. Them the poor..." We held our breath. "*Them* the gays." He said it!

Clinton concluded: "We've gotten to where we've nearly themmed ourselves to death. Them and them and them. But this is America. There is no them; there is only us."

In the next few months, the Republicans are going to give us lots of reasons not to vote for Bill Clinton. A lot of sleaze is going to be hurled. Many of us in the gay/lesbian/bisexual community are in disagreement with positions Clinton and Gore have taken on a number of different issues.

But our choice is clear. Time has run out for our community: We have been isolated and marginalized in this society, and that is killing us. We are the "them" that the Reagan/Bush administration of the past 12 years hasn't cared is dying of AIDS, dying of breast cancer. Too many of us suffer the fear of gay bashing and violence in the street. Those who attack us learn to hate in a climate that encourages "them against us."

Our community is highly political. A huge majority of us vote. And most of the time we vote in protest. In 1984 surveys showed we voted for "Anyone but Reagan." In 1988 we voted for "Anyone but Bush."

This year is different. This year we must do more than sigh and vote against George Bush. Not only must we vote *for* Bill Clinton, but in our own ways we must campaign for him. We must argue his case to our parents and families, our straight friends, and our apolitical friends.

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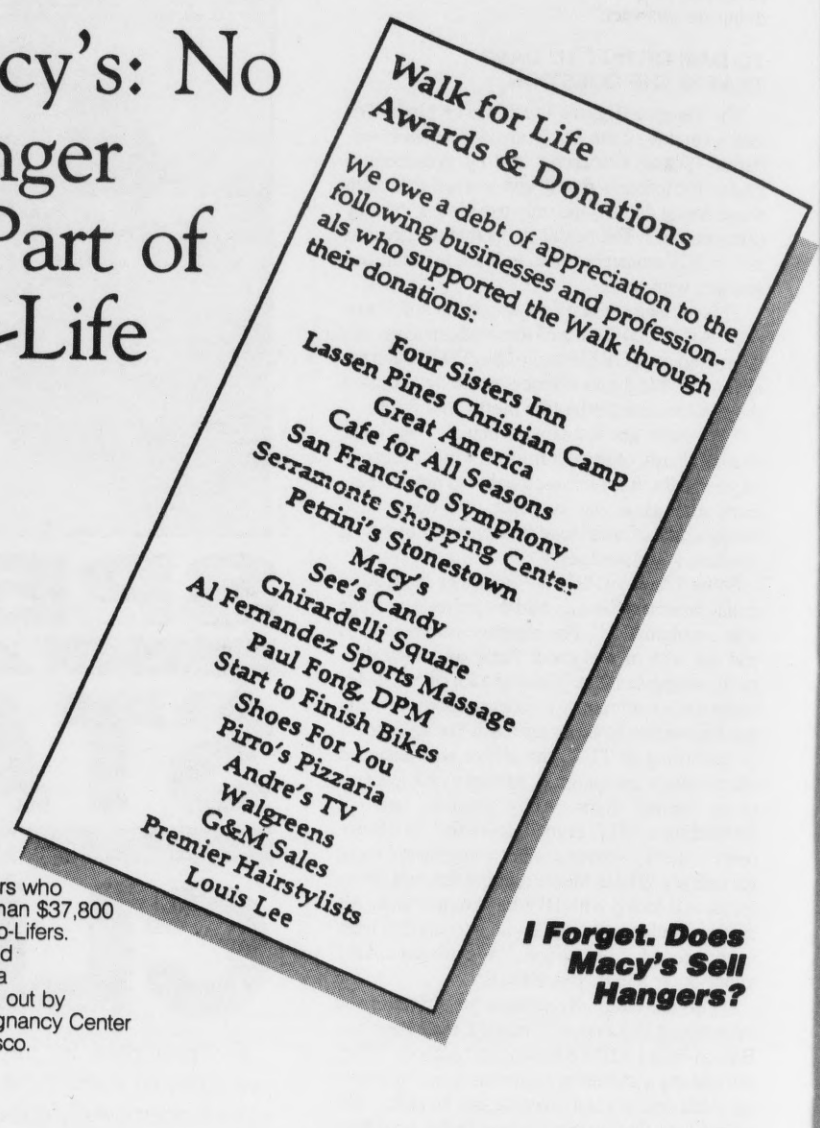

List of donators who raised more than $37,800 for the Right-to-Lifers. List is reprinted from *Lifeline*, a newsletter put out by the Crisis Pregnancy Center of San Francisco.

I Forget. Does Macy's Sell Hangers?

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

Macy's/San Francisco won't be giving any more in-kind donations to the local Crisis Pregnancy Center. Nor will Start to Finish Bikes. Both feel they were duped into contributing to a counseling center that pro-choicers contend is a front for the right-wing Christian anti-abortion movement.

The Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC), a Christian ministry which counsels women who are pregnant, claims to have received donations from many local corporations and businesses—including Macy's, Ghirardelli Square, the San Francisco Symphony, Walgreens and Start to Finish Bikes—for its Tenth Annual Walk for Life.

The walk, which raised $37,800 to help run the group's counseling services for pregnant women, took place on May 2 on the shores of Lake Merced in San Francisco. According to the July 1992 CPC newsletter *Lifeline*, over 170 people walked. CPC President Ev Jones says that the walk proceeds vary from year to year. "It goes up and down, according to the economy," he says. "It's not big dollars compared to other walks."

Jones told *SF Bay Times* that his outfit is not connected to any church and does not "tell women what to do." Instead, he says, women make up their own minds based on "complete information" provided at the counseling service about the three options available to them: abortion, carrying the baby to term and adoption.

Stating that his is a Christian organization, Jones says that women are informed that "abortion is one of their options, a legal option in the country. We have to inform them what abortion is."

But local pro-choice activists have an entirely different read on the organization. They say it promotes an anti-choice line, pressuring women not to have an abortion. A perusal of *Lifeline* shows that the newsletter is clearly anti-abortion, with Jones writing in his President's Corner, "As we get closer to the day when Roe v. Wade will be overthrown, it will become more apparent that Christians must unite and speak out for life."

THE CORPORATE DONATIONS

First of all, none of the businesses or corporations surveyed by *SF Bay Times*—Macy's, Walgreens, Ghirardelli Square, the San Francisco Symphony or Start to Finish—donated actual cash. Jones admits that they were not "dollar sponsors." One of these outfits alleges that it was duped into donating merchandise to what it believed was a pro-choice event. Another is unsure what was donated or if anything was indeed donated.

Here are the facts, as *SF Bay Times* has been able to discern them, about the involvement of these corporations in the walk:

After receiving a call about the donation to the walk, a Macy's spokesperson relayed an official statement. Asking that her name not be used, this spokesperson would say no more than that it was "minimal." The Macy's statement reads, in its entirety:

"We thank you for contacting us about the CPC. Macy's policy is to not be involved in supporting political causes such as this one. The donation was made without senior management knowledge. In keeping with this policy, we clearly can't continue to support this organization."

As far as Walgreens is concerned, at present no record exists of a corporate or San Francisco district monetary contribution.

Walgreens corporate spokesperson Michael Polzin says that there is "no check listed as either Operation Rescue, Walk for Life or Crisis Pregnancy Center." Any monetary donation would come directly from corporate headquarters in Deerfield, Ill., he says.

"If they got money, it was under a different name than that," Polzin says. "If there was a product donation, it would be under $100. We'll have no records of product donations until next month." Stores have to report product donations so that they can be reimbursed.

But as far as Polzin knows, there have been no

product donations from any of the 27 Walgreens stores in San Francisco.

The San Francisco Symphony gives a donation of two concert tickets to many groups all over the Bay Area, according to Sia Taylor, assistant director of public relations. It never gives money, since "we are a nonprofit and as such are unable to make cash donations."

Taylor says that she "handled" the ticket donation to the CPC, which she knows is an anti-abortion group. "I personally have overseen donations to public schools, Christian schools, other orchestras, church groups, anti-abuse groups, et cetera," she says.

"The only time a group gets turned down," Taylor says, "is if we don't have a pair of tickets. We try not to discriminate on who we give donations to."

Evidently, Ghirardelli Square has the same policy. Andrea Culwell, director of marketing, says that the mall near Fisherman's Wharf donated a five-pound chocolate bar to the walk this year, as it has for the past two or three years.

Culwell is also aware of the nature of the group. "By no means are we making a stand on this issue," she cautions. "We're just trying to support different groups in the Bay Area."

Pro-choice groups have never approached Ghirardelli Square for a contribution, according to Culwell.

But the most interesting response was from Start to Finish Bikes owner Chris Foley. He was under the impression that his donation of merchandise to the walk was going to a pro-choice event.

When informed of the nature of the group, Foley was surprised. "We're pro-choice," he says. "You can make your own fucking decisions in life, be it a woman, gay, straight, bisexual. Everybody's their own person."

Running three stores, Foley says he's "overwhelmed 99.2 percent of the time. I got the impression that they were pro-choice. Everyone in this organization is pro-choice." He says he won't contribute to the CPC anymore.

CPC: USUALLY DECEPTIVE

Tom Burghardt of Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR) says that CPC often deceives people into believing that what it offers is "legitimate" abortion counseling.

Burghardt, who's been a BACORR clinic defender for three years, says that a woman, "who hasn't been plugged in through the Christian network," goes into the clinic and instead of receiving health care, is subjected to "anti-abortion propaganda."

The CPC ad in the San Francisco Yellow Pages under "Abortion Alternatives Organizations" reads: "Free pregnancy test; early test accuracy; immediate results; all services confidential. Evening appointments."

"It's a smoke screen to get women not to have abortions," says Burghardt. "Abortion is not an option in their minds."

As for the fact that CPC describes itself in its newsletter as a "Christian ministry," Burghardt says, "They are, in fact, a sort of pseudo-medical arm of whatever church sponsors them."

There is no direct link between the CPC-type outfits and Operation Rescue, which blockades and often invades abortion clinics, Burghardt says. But "they send people to them, they encourage people at 'rescues.' "

Burghardt says that during a recent demonstration and invasion of a CPC-type clinic in Berkeley by pro-choice activists, workers called in two men who are known as blockaders at local abortion clinics. "But it's real difficult to tie them directly" to Operation Rescue, he says.

Kass McMahon, who's been involved in BACORR since July 1988, says she is surprised by the corporate donations to the walk. "I'm surprised they'd take steps like that and risk alienating part of their constituents," she says.

McMahon feels there is a connection between all of the anti-choice groups. "Lots of the same people who are blocking the abortion clinics have been seen at the crisis centers," she says.

Other sponsors of the CPC walk, according to *Lifeline*, include Pirro's Pizzeria, Andre's TV, Premier Hairstylists and Shoes For You.

The Red Herring in Jim Gabbert's Side: KOFY Owner Sued by PWA

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

Jim Gabbert, owner of KOFY-TV (channel 20) here in San Francisco, describes the lawsuit filed by a former employee with AIDS as "kind of like being in a fight with your mother."

The former employee, Larry Rucker, charges that Gabbert terminated the company's long-term disability coverage without notifying the workers. Gabbert says the meeting he held about the changes in the company's health-care plan, as well as the brochure and the detailed memos that were distributed to workers, constituted adequate notice.

A federal law, ERISA (Employee Retirement and Income Security Act), mandates that an employer notify workers of changes in their benefits coverage within 210 days of the end of the calendar year in which they're made. Gabbert says he did this; Rucker says he only found out about the termination of his long-term disability when he went to file a claim. This was after doctors told him he couldn't work any longer.

At issue in the suit, which will go to court sometime between September and December of this year, is whether KOFY violated ERISA in not specifically spelling out to employees that the long-term policy was nixed. Rucker is asking for $2,888 a month, the amount he says he would receive from the canceled disability insurance policy.

A settlement conference on July 22 failed to resolve the matter. Says Rucker's attorney, Paul Utrecht, "We're not counting on settling."

In addition to everything else, the whole matter has taken its toll on the friendship between the two men. "It's strained," says Gabbert. Utrecht uses the same word in describing the situation.

CHAIN OF EVENTS

The background to the case: When Rucker is hired at KOFY in 1982, a long-term disability policy is in effect. Long-term disability provides one's salary or a portion of that salary until retirement. In January 1990, Rucker tests HIV-positive; he doesn't tell Gabbert. In April of that same year, the long-term policy is cancelled when the company's insurance carrier is changed. In May 1991, Rucker is hospitalized with pneumoncystis, and told by doctors that he can't work any longer. When he returns to KOFY to inquire about filing a claim, he is told the long-term policy was axed.

He files suit in October 1991. In February of this year, Judge Saundra Brown Armstrong dismisses a motion for summary judgment, saying that the matter of whether adequate notification was given needs to be addressed in a jury trial. She dismisses Rucker's claims of fraud and breach of contract on the part of Gabbert.

NOT A GAY RIGHTS ISSUE?

Both sides agree that the case is not a gay rights issue. No one's sexual orientation is at question here, nor is anti-gay discrimination the issue. In addition, the two parties concur that Gabbert did not know of Rucker's AIDS diagnosis until the lawsuit began, so neither AIDSphobia nor AIDS bias are being alleged. In fact, Gabbert's attorney, Joe Schwacter, calls the fact that Rucker has AIDS a "red herring" in this case. "He could just as well have been disabled by a back injury," he says.

At issue is who should have told what to whom and when.

Says Gabbert, "[Rucker] knew he was HIV-positive [at the time of the health care changes]. He could've done something about it at that time. If I had known [about his status], I could've helped him."

What Gabbert would have done, he says, is to keep the long-term coverage until Rucker made his claim, then canceled it. "But he didn't want anybody to know," he says.

Utrecht wants to know why Gabbert didn't just spell out to employees that the long-term coverage was terminated.

Utrecht's take is that it's a "classic case of fraud. Gabbert took away something from the employees, and he knew they would squawk."

As for why his client didn't tell Gabbert of his diagnosis, "He wanted to keep it private."

As far as notifying employees of the long-term disability termination, Gabbert says, "We thought we did." He says that he talked with his department heads, and they wanted vision and dental care rather than long-term disability. Schwachter, former corporate counsel for the now-defunct National Gay Rights Advocates, says that employees were free to ask about long-term disability at the meeting. No one did. He says that no claims had been filed under the long-term disability policy since it was first implemented.

"If you are HIV-positive and your employer's telling you you're getting new benefits and long-term disability's not one of them, wouldn't you ask?" Schwacter says.

Utrecht claims that when changes were made previously in the policy, the long-term disability remained intact. "Four or five years before, they switched health companies and it didn't affect the long-term disability. Nobody understood that affected [it]. I talked to a few employees and they didn't understand that."

Says Schwachter, "No one was concealing anything. If they were, why have a meeting?"

The back-and-forth goes on like this ad infinitum.

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TOUGH TIMES

The reason for the termination of the long-term disability coverage is also simple: These are tough economic times, and being an independent station is not an easy road to travel.

"I'm the last individual in America who owns a TV station," says Gabbert. "It takes millions of dollars to keep the station open." He says money is "tight. I'm pretty sure I can make it. It's a very tough battle."

Gabbert, who has owned stations in the Bay Area for the past 37 years, says that the general perception is he's "got a lot of money. But I'm hanging on for my life."

Adds Schwachter, "One of the things I see from where I sit—every kind of company is hurting. Employers have had to take a hard look, which they wouldn't have to do if the economy wasn't so bad, and health-care costs weren't so high."

IS GABBERT GAY?

Rumor has it that Gabbert is gay, which, if true, adds an interesting irony to the story: an employee with AIDS left with no long-term coverage from a gay employer. But, of course, Gabbert is not saying what his sexual orientation is, and he didn't know Rucker had AIDS or was even HIV-positive.

Schwachter doesn't feel a gay employer has any more obligation to his/her employees who might contract AIDS than a straight one. "Everyone should have an equal concern," he says, refusing to comment on Gabbert's sexual orientation.

Schwacter also says that, according to his understanding, the current health plan gives employees $1 million in coverage for AIDS-related illnesses.

Gabbert says that his sexual orientation doesn't have any "relevance" to the matter at hand. He says that as legislative director of the California Broadcasters Association he has a lot of "clout" that could be threatened if he were open about his personal life.

Gabbert says he has a history of supporting the queer community—not only in terms of AIDS work, but he also says he was instrumental in working with House Speaker Willie Brown (D-SF) to strike down the state sodomy laws in the mid-'70s. "I don't think it'd do anybody good to say I'm gay or straight," he says. "My goal is to win the war, not just a battle; get legislation passed." He says it's easier when meeting with politicians that he's identified merely as a "human being."

As for the value of coming out, he feels it "depends" on the situation.

AIDS ISSUE?

While AIDS may not be the issue in the Gabbert case, the suit does raise interesting questions for people in the workforce who may come down with the disease.

Schwacter says that an employer is not bound by law to provide health insurance for employees. Furthermore, an employer can modify a policy to exclude AIDS coverage after learning of an employee's diagnosis as long as it's done within the time frame of ERISA.

"How many companies don't pay 100 percent of medical costs, don't have vision care, medical care?" Schwacter asks. "The truth of the matter is Gabbert and Pacific FM Inc. have been looking out for their employees.

"The saddest part of the case," he continues, "is that Larry saw that his health-care benefits were changing. If only he said, 'Look, I'm concerned. I really may have a need for this.' Maybe this would have been different."

In a survey of the three major local network stations, *SF Bay Times* found that they offer long-term disability as an option to employees, with the worker paying a certain amount out of his or her paycheck.

Says a spokesperson at KPIX (channel 5), who asked not to be identified, "Employees have to sign up for (long-term disability)." Those who want 60 percent of their wages until retirement pay one-half of one percent; those who wish 70 percent pay three-quarters of one percent. Of course this amount is minus state disability, worker's compensation or "any other money from the government."

The coverage at KGO-TV (channel 7) offers a little more. According to Personnel Manager Kathryn Cox, all employees can elect to pay a small amount of their salary for long-term disability. In addition, when an employee becomes disabled, for the first six months, he or she receives full pay for a certain number of weeks, then half pay for the remainder.

At KRON (channel 4), the long-term disability is optional, kicking in six months after an employee is deemed unable to work. Employees pay "50 percent of cost," according to Janine Knudsen, human resources coordinator at the station. The plan covers the worker until retirement.

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Inviting Shame and Repeating History

Last week on cable Channel six, Chris Bowman was interviewed on a show about San Francisco politics. Bowman is the unrepentant gay Republican who founded The Log Cabin Club. No, it has nothing to do with maple syrup. It's a political forum for gay masochists of means who still profess support for the Reagan-Bush-Wilson ticket, and have the canceled checks and canceled promises to prove it. I try to take the movement seriously, but it's sort of like a group of turkeys advocating Thanksgiving dinner.

Due to "administrative budget cuts," Bowman has lost his job at City Hall. (The exodus from the Jordan team is unending. Just filling the vacancies in the departments that Jordan promised to improve may prove difficult. Who wants to put their career on the line for an administration where a substantial number of the players who supported Jordan have now been axed or have resigned?) It seems times are hard, even for some Republicans who supported the Republican leadership which brought about the S&L swindles, the corporate disinvestment in American workers, and the depression that we are going through now.

As I watched my TV, Bowman fixed his lips, saying, "Affirmative action is not a gay issue," as in: *not part of the gay agenda.*

Bowman's audacity was refreshing. At least he doesn't pretend to be noble, aware, or offer the syrupy, patronizing lip service some do. There are lots of men like Bowman who, were it not for the "G" in GWM, would be just like the rest of the good ol' boys who stick to their own kind and are only concerned with themselves. They fail to see the relationship between (and the significance of) their oppression and anybody elses'.

I worked with ex-Deputy Mayor Claude Everhart to draft the language on affirmative action that is in the current citywide M.O.U. for San Francisco employees. I know that the municipal statement on affirmative action also covers "sexual orientation" and has helped all oppressed people —even a few gay Republicans, who found they are not immune from oppression.

The protection against discrimination is an important component of affirmative action that has proven to be beneficial to women, people of color, and all people with alternative sexual orientations in San Francisco. Even Bowman's rights are protected by my affirmative action language. Affirmative action was the most important proactive plan for protection of rights until *Roe v. Wade*, which has more to do with the personal freedom of women to choose, or to not have their choices made for them. Not far down the far right's agenda will be the rights of lesbians and gays to teach, to work, to live next door and survive in the mainstream community.

The far right has already begun its assault in Oregon. Violence and gay bashings have increased everywhere. It is in hard times like these that hate groups grow—and they are flourishing. There is no reason to believe America could not experience its own version of concentration camps and Brownshirts. The time is ripe for that to happen, giving us all the more reason not to burn our bridges.

We also have selfish reasons to protect *everybody's* rights. We have been down this path before, and some of us realize that none of us will be able to stand alone. But together, there are possibilities.

The phrase "affirmative action" came from an executive order issued by President Kennedy advocating the recruitment of minority group members and women for jobs, promotions and educational opportunities. That proved useful to many poor lesbians and gays, and those who were disowned by their families because of their sexuality. We can see those same populations out on the streets now, after 12 years of Republican repression. Affirmative action proved most effective in confronting institutional discrimination until it was underfunded and pillaged by the nation's leadership.

Affirmative action was a bold departure from the color-blind bullshit that white men talk when they don't want to walk that walk. Clearly, white males hold the bulk of wealth and power in America; the American system of government was designed by white men for white men. Affirmative action cuts across that grain. A proactive plan for the implementation of parity and equity had to be introduced, because equality will not be achieved without some plan for implementation and a reason to make it happen.

In 1963, JFK introduced the Civil Rights Bill to Congress. The public was not ready for it, and the bill failed. The bill passed a year later after JFK's assassination, pushed by Johnson. In his own way, Johnson made a real commitment to the rights of others, and a quantum leap from his razorback roots and mind-set.

Part of our romance with and reverence for the Kennedys is tied to their many sacrifices to both lead and serve, to provide for others. The Kennedys can see the issues, see beyond their privilege and lead a diverse people. They are not ashamed of the "L" word and give back the compassion which they receive from the people. They are populists more than liberals.

The Clinton/Gore ticket is as close as we have come to Camelot in a long time. America is ready for a change. One of the decisions in the upcoming presidential election will be on these critical points: Do we want to preserve and affirm our individual freedoms? Do we want to share power with disenfranchised people? Do we want to force the slick-talking scam artists to pay their fair share and return some of the wealth they ripped off during the past 12 years?

In so many ways, we are back where we started, and worse. Women realize that white men got us into our current situation, and in response have increased their power through coalition with other disenfranchised groups. When white men speak aloud and alone for the rest of us, and say things like "affirmative action is not a gay issue," they diminish the importance of our issues, and, more importantly, they diminish our strength.

Those white men who want to slow the pace and style of change for others resent the intrusion on their turf. And some will still feel the road less traveled is best. If affirmative action is not on *his* gay agenda, as Bowman says, it begs the question: How concerned are those gay organizations, which essentially are run by GWM, with my issues? With women's issues? With the issues of people of color who remain voiceless in many lesbian/gay organizations, as well as the larger society?

Those of us who get the big picture will have to keep taking to task those who don't. As JFK said: "Now the time has come for this nation to fulfill its promise... Those who do nothing are inviting shame, as well as violence."

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Amsterdam It All

The biggest story to emerge from last week's Eighth International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam—at least in the mainstream American media's eyes—was the twin contentions by Cornell University's Dr. Jeffrey Laurence and University of California at Irvine's virologist Dr. Sudhir Gupta that they'd independently discovered AIDS-like symptoms in patients not infected with HIV. The hysteria that pervaded conference coverage threatened to overshadow the equally important information that, in developing countries especially, women are the next potentially huge at-risk group for HIV.

Laurence's discovery—buried here on page A14 of last Tuesday's *Ex*, and front-paged in the next day's *Chron*—noted over 20 cases of what the *Ex*'s excellent Lisa M. Krieger reported as "a severe, progressive and sometimes fatal immunodeficiency that looks like AIDS but is not caused by detectable HIV..." France's Dr. Luc Montaigner, co-discoverer of HIV, weighed in with two similar cases, and America's Dr. David Ho, an expert on cellular AIDS study, announced he's encountered 11 other cases.

On Thursday, the *Ex* front-paged Krieger's report on Gupta's claim that he had "found a particle of a human virus in a woman with an AIDS-like condition who has no signs of infection with HIV." Krieger noted, however, that conference-attending scientists "cautioned... that this particle does not represent a new AIDS-like virus, or for that matter, any new kind of disease-causing virus." In a report on page A11, that day's *New York Times* quoted David Ho as saying "there is absolutely no proof of an association" between the virus and the symptoms. The *Times*'s Lawrence K. Altman also quoted Ho as saying that, in the 11 cases of AIDS-like illness he'd encountered, his laboratory is "doing extensive tests to rule out the possibility that there had been contamination or the findings were the results of known viruses."

The confusion didn't stop that day's *Times* from offering a pointedly bizarre lead editorial. Headlined "AIDS Puzzle: No Cause for Panic," it called—three times, in different forms—for "intensified study" of the mystery, and went on to assuage public worries that the blood supply might be infected: "Blood banks screen out most of the donors who might have AIDS by asking, for example, if they have shared drug needles or had male-on-male sex." That, and the editorial's contention that "the 30 cases so far are blessedly small against a background of more than 230,000 AIDS cases in the U.S. since 1981," reminded AIDS activists with long memories of the days when the *Times*—and others—calmed public fears over a decade ago about an odd, unexplained disease—then called GRID—mysteriously killing gay men.

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(Both the *Chron* and the *Times* reported the next day that, though researchers remained skeptical about Gupta's findings, they nonetheless pledged a "world-wide followup" to the findings.... Kudos, not so incidentally, to the *Ex*'s Krieger and the *Chron*'s David S. Perlman for exemplary conference reporting.)

MEMO TO HEADQUARTERS: CAMOUFLAGE IS *TIRED!*

Most conference news was dispiriting, though it highlighted how institutionalized mysogyny and homophobia have fomented worldwide governmental neglect of a pandemic that will soon claim millions of lives and billions of dollars.

And institutions continue to discriminate. The U.S. Navy last week voted in a two-day hearing to expel 25-year-old Lieutenant (j.g.) Tracy Thorne, who had publicized his homosexuality May 19 both in a letter to his skipper and on that night's *Nightline* (his case prompted a thorough *Time* piece on gays in the military a few weeks back). According to a *Washington Post* report run in last Saturday's *Chron* (that day's *New York Times* buried a mere four-graf AP account as an adjunct to another Navy-related story), members of Thorne's squadron initially supported him, though "only five or so of the 35 officers are said to favor an end to the ban on gays." Under the 48-year-old ban, the Navy expels about 1,000 queers a year.

As you'd expect, the Navy brats eventually showed their true colors: "Other squadrons have taken to sending flowers to Thorne's old ward room in a gesture of disdain and have amended the squadron's nickname to 'Flaming Tigers.'" In addition, Thorne's friends "have... been summoned [by Navy brass] for questioning, and some have been asked about their sexuality."

The news of Thorne's dismissal appeared the same day the Navy fired Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman Jr., as Saturday's *NY Times* put it, "amid accusations that he used his influence to protect an aide under investigation for homosexual advances...." That day, too, reports surfaced that five Navy officers had been relieved of duty for condoning skits at a San Diego Navy base; in one, according to a July 25 AP report run in the *Chron*, flyboys held up "a vulgar sign that associated U.S. Representative Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) with oral sex." Schroeder, remember, is a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, and has been instrumental in pursuing investigations into the now-infamous Tailhook scandal, in which Navy women were brutally molested by drunken aviators at a naval conference last year.

Schroeder was also the target of a one-page fax sent last Thursday by Marine helicopter pilots at a North Carolina base which, reports the July 25 *NY Times*, "made sexually offensive comments about Ms. Schroeder and, in general, about women in the Marines. The fax also had drawings of women performing sex acts."

This news only makes sense inasmuch as a human male would have to exist at a level of almost incomprehensible pathology to join an institution that strips him of his dignity and personhood, then encourages him to slaughter entire populations without compunction. That he should despise women and queers as much as he despises himself is not only not surprising, but is clear evidence of how frightened he must become of any part of himself that's not tuned to the rhythms of a robotic killing machine.

WHERE A SQUARE KNOT IS NOT SQUARE

Another entrenched, male-heavy, uniform-intensive institution has come under attack for its gay-unfriendly stance: The Boy Scouts of America (or, as we like to think of it, Circle Jerk Central) recently received a slap on its (presumably stiff) wrist by corporations like Levi Strauss, Bank of America, Wells Fargo and the United Way when they pulled donations in response to BSA's discriminatory policies.

In his July 18 *Chron* piece on Forgotten Scouts, an agglomeration of queer former Scouts, reporter David Tuller quoted Blake Lewis, a BSA spokesperson: "We reflect the expectations of mainstream American families, and we don't believe that homosexuals provide a role model that's consistent with those expectations." Meaning, I suppose, that as role models, gays won't indulge in the alcoholism, wife-beating, child-molestation, neglect and general abuse that inform the "expectations" of "mainstream American families." So what's the problem?

In a July 21 response to mail he'd received about a previous BSA column, the *Chron*'s ever-fierce Jon Carroll addressed the old fallacy that gay male scout leaders would *ipso facto* sexualize their charges: "Imposing our sexual will on people too powerless to resist (or too young to understand the meaning of compliance) is immoral. It dishonors the bond of assumed trust between all human beings. This is not a heterosexual issue or a homosexual issue; sexual orientation is irrelevant to a respect for the dignity of children.

"Heterosexuals molest; homosexuals molest. Our society at the moment seems engaged in sweeping the former fact under the rug while glorifying the latter fact into national policy.

"If we deny gay men a chance to be mentors and teachers and friends, we are denying them their past and their future. It's sad and dumb; let's at least teach our children to be smarter than we are."

BUT THE POPE, MINUS KEY INTERNAL ORGANS, STILL WEARS A GOWN

The Boy Scouts, an institution that also prohibits avowed atheists from entering its hallowed, God-fearing ranks, got a boost recently from that most homophobic of religious institutions: In a private letter to U.S. bishops leaked to the press, then formally released, the Vatican last week noted that, "in the consignment of children to adoption or foster care, in employment of teachers or coaches and in military recruitment," discrimination against gays and lesbians is "sometimes not only licit but obligatory."

Saying its recommendations were, according to a recent AP report, "prompted by a flurry of proposed gay rights laws in the United States," the Vatican said that "although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin, it is a more or less strong tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil; and thus the inclination itself must be seen as an objective disorder." The

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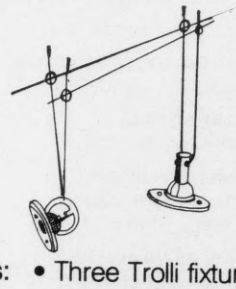

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AP report noted that the Vatican letter "deplores 'violent malice' against homosexuals in speech or action, and it says gays have some rights to work and housing." But the letter also compared the status of homosexuals to the physically and mentally ill, saying "the state may restrict the exercise of rights in the case of contagious or mentally ill persons, in order to protect the common good."

In his *Chron* report last Saturday, religion writer Don Lattin noted that the local Roman Catholic archdiocese won't change its policy of opposing housing and employment discrimination, though it does oppose "affirmative action" for queers and "domestic partner" laws granting queers the same rights as married heterosexuals. Will the letter stick? Lattin quoted a priest who's "a seasoned observer" of the scene, and who offered a backhanded compliment to queer agitation tactics: "Most of the bishops would rather just ignore this. Rome is telling them to stick their heads in a hornet's nest, but they don't want to be picketed and have their Masses disrupted by gay activists."

Cogent response to the Vatican letter appeared in the form of P-FLAG VP Robert A. Bernstein's July 24 *Ex* op-ed piece: "The pronouncement constitutes reckless endangerment of innocent lives." Noting that disproportionately high suicide rates among queer youth are "directly traceable to society's misguided and already-profound hostility toward homosexuals," and that young gay family members are, through parental ignorance and neglect, "set on a path to substance abuse, homelessness and general despair," Bernstein writes that "the Vatican says...such virulent ignorance and its consequent disruption of families should be not only applauded but reinforced by official government sanction." Rhetorically, he concludes: "Which is it, America: the conscience of a loving parent, or the call to hate by a misguided religious bureaucracy?"

FILM, 1 (3?); TV, 0—THIS WEEK

Speaking of misguided bureaucracies, Hollywood is finally gearing up to tackle AIDS onscreen *directly*—not in the veiled way that made Julia Roberts' *Dying Young* and William Hurt's *The Doctor* such snore-fests. The always-reliable Bernard Weinraub reported in the July 13 *New York Times* (the piece was run *nine days later* in the *Chron*, presumably to coincide with Conference coverage) that director Jonathan (*After Hours*) Demme will start lensing the tentatively titled "Probable Cause"—the story of a gay Philadelphia lawyer fired from his job because he has AIDS—in October. Two others—one a Francis Ford Coppola project, the other a John Schlesinger/David Leavitt film—are also gearing up for production.

Why the long wait? "It's sort of like Vietnam," one AIDS-aware filmlandite told Weinraub. "It was only ten years or so after Vietnam that we saw major directors dealing with the topic. It was all too painful. AIDS is similar." Adds reputedly queer, former Fox chairman Barry Diller: "Television has been dealing with AIDS for years, quite effectively, and has taken over [the] category of serious storytelling," once the sole province of films.

Television *news* has certainly improved in representing gays and lesbians—especially ABC News shows like *20/20*. So it was surprising that Barbara Walters' July 22 coffee-klatch with eight "twentysomethings" included *not one gay man or lesbian*. The show, portentously titled, "Twentysomething: What Happened To The American Dream?" followed the eight panelists throughout their days, then gathered them in a studio for a chat with Ms. Walters. They included a pro-life, married, young Dallas man; a 28-year-old Southern California ad copywriter who Rollerblades to work; a single young African American mother of a six-year-old boy, and so on.

Why no queers? "There were *a lot* of people who weren't represented," Lucy Kraus, Walters' press rep, told me last week. "This was not an attempt to get *every* type of ethnic group. I mean, there were no Hispanics. These were eight people, out of 200 interviewed, who represented 40 million people."

Asked whether producers had specifically interviewed gays and lesbians, Kraus said she did not know.

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This Bud's NOT For Queers

SAN FRANCISCO - Bud Light came here to shoot two 30-second commercials using real residents, but queers apparently don't fit the bill.

The spots, which have already begun airing in the San Francisco area, do not use actors, but individuals in bars throughout the city who are actually drinking Bud Light when camera crews arrive. According to spokesperson Paulette Johnson in Los Angeles, the company "didn't do any particular focus on the gay community." She says the "primary focus was not to target any one community, but to go to the most popular bars in the area." That includes the I-Beam, but on Thursday night, not Sunday, when it's queer.

Though San Francisco landmarks and "popular areas" were "highlighted" in the commercials, Johnson did not know if the Castro was among them.

Oregon Update: Queers March

PORTLAND - Opponents of the state's anti-queer initiative which would nix all gay rights laws and declare homosexuality an abnormality marched through downtown Portland on July 25.

Attending the march was "thirtysomething" star David Clennon, who said it's time "for people in this community to say, 'If you're going to persecute our brothers and sisters, then you will have to deal with us as well.' " The anti-queer measure is sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which also opposes abortion and affirmative action.

Meanwhile, Democratic State Senate candidate Les AuCoin blasted Republican Sen. Bob Packwood for not taking a stand on the measure. Packwood countered by saying he has an excellent record on gay rights and doesn't get involved in state initiatives.

Finally, organizers of a petition to reverse a similar anti-gay measure that passed recently in Springfield are close to getting the number of signatures needed to put it on the ballot in November.

Young Feminists to Register Voters

NEW YORK - In a move reminiscent of the freedom trains of the '60s, a caravan of buses will carry a group of young women across the country to 20 cities, including San Francisco, to register new voters.

The Third Wave, as it is called, will kick off from New York on Aug. 1, hoping to sign up 100 new voters a day (one-half million total). Cofounder Rebecca Walker, daughter of novelist Alice Walker, says, "There is a lot of anger and distrust of the political system, especially in communities of color."

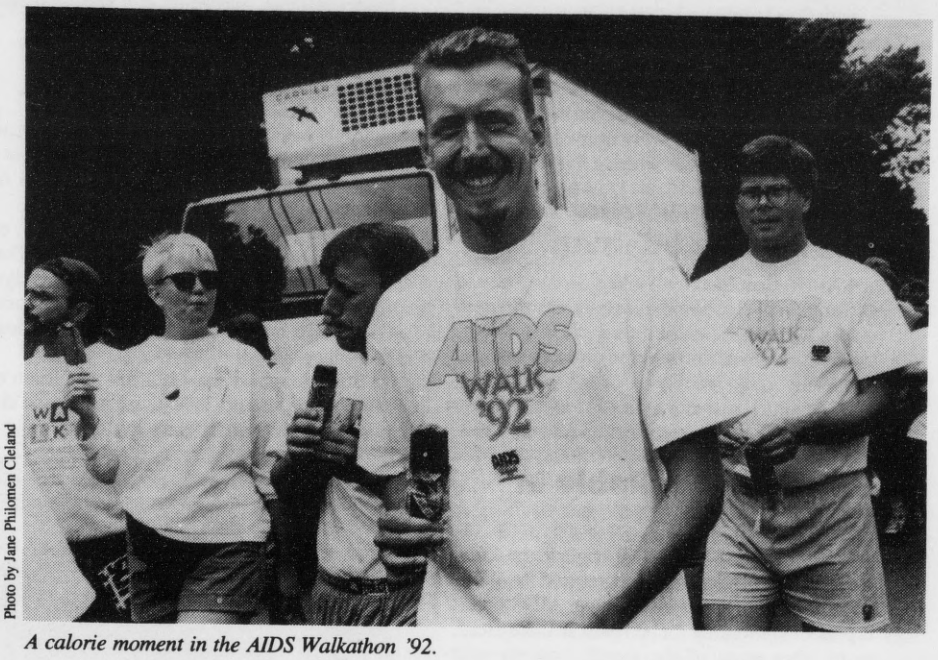
Adds Shannon Liss, co-founder of the racially diverse group, "There is an unprecedented number of incumbents not seeking re-election, and women of all backgrounds are looking to fill their seats."

ACLU Files on Behalf of Gay Protesters

LOS ANGELES - The ACLU of Southern California filed suit against the Los Angeles Police Department, alleging that last October officers beat 28 peaceful protesters voicing opposition to Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of AB 101, the state gay rights measure.

Lawyers for the ACLU charge that the LAPD intentionally set out to brutalize the gay rights demonstrators in an attempt to minimize future protests. They point to the fact that the officers made defamatory remarks as they disrupted the peaceful demonstration outside of a Century City hotel where Wilson attended a fundraiser.

Among the plantiffs in the suit are Marta Collier and her ten-year-old daughter, both allegedly assaulted by officers. The suit seeks compensatory and punitive damages against the city of Los Angeles, former Assistant Chief Robert L. Vernon, and LAPD Deputy Chief Glenn Levant.



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A calorie moment in the AIDS Walkathon '92.

Gay Rights In Missouri

COLUMBIA - A weak gay rights bill that exempts religious organizations and allows little recourse for victims of discrimination passed Columbia City Council on July 20.

But opponents are still threatening to overturn it in a referendum drive, despite the fact that councilmembers who voted against it refer to it as "symbolic at best."

Supporter Rex Campbell, a councilmember, said, "If each of us will treat every other person as an individual, there will be no need for this ordinance to ever be used."

Opponents say they should have no trouble collecting the 2,000 signatures they need to overturn it.

Dykes Not Welcomed—And It's Legal

MADISON - When a lesbian applied to be a roommate with two other women in 1989, she

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didn't know she'd end up in the middle of a three-year legal battle.

Now Caryl Sprague is faced with an Equal Opportunities Commission decision that reversed an earlier one declaring the two women guilty of anti-lesbian bias. And on top of that, the City Council, in the wake of this case, changed the gay rights law to exclude persons seeking roommates.

Sprague hasn't decided whether she will appeal.

GCN Reorganizes, May Resume Publishing

BOSTON - *Gay Community News*, a 19-year-old national gay/lesbian/bisexual newspaper, suspended publication on July 4 and is undergoing massive re-organization in order to save the financially ailing weekly.

GCN, which was begun in 1973 by gay activists, hopes to resume publishing in January 1993.

Pen Pals Available in Russia

SAN FRANCISCO - Over 100 people in the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic states who are HIV-positive, have AIDS or are in prison, are waiting for pen pals. In these areas, as in other parts of the world, persons with AIDS/HIV are often forced out of their homes and jobs into barren medical facilities where they receive inadequate treatment.

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission is looking for pen pals for these individuals, as well as gay men in prison under various charges, including a law that bans male homosexuality and homosexual acts.

For information on how to become a pen pal, call Neill Rosen at the commission, (415) 255-8680, or write IGLHRC, 540 Castro St., SF 94114.

Rest Stop to Close

Rest Stop Center, located at 134 Church St., is no longer providing its services after Sept. 1. Clients of this drop-in center for people affected by AIDS will be referred to nearby facilities with similar services.

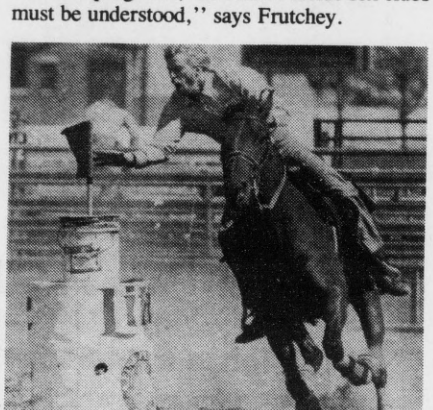
Economic conditions coupled with an ever-increasing demand for services have made the grassroots, all-volunteer staffed and donation-based operation for people with AIDS/ARC no longer feasible, according to a press release.

Sex Club Patrons Exposed

SAN FRANCISCO - A unique study of men who frequent the City's sex clubs was unveiled at the Eighth International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam.

The study, conducted by Chuck Frutchey, education director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, and A.M. Williams of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, found that patrons of these clubs have their own complex modes of behavior.

"If educators want to reach this population with effective programs, the culture inside sex clubs must be understood," says Frutchey.



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Flag race at the Gay Rodeo '92.

AIDS Campaign Targets Black Women

SAN FRANCISCO - The Iris Center has instituted a prevention campaign to get the message to African-American women that they are at risk for AIDS.

The media campaign includes bus shelter posters, billboards and newspaper ads directed to African-American women and their families. This is the first HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention campaign designed specifically for African-American women in San Francisco. Fully funded by the San Francisco Office of AIDS, it's part two of a campaign that originally targeted Latinas in Spanish.

Japanese Gays Visit SF

SAN FRANCISCO - Nineteen members of OCCUR, the Japanese gay group, visited here from June 23 to July 3. The members participated in the parade on June 28, and lobbied the mayor and the Board of Education to write letters to the Metropolitan Government and the Tokyo District Court in opposition to the government's decision not to let the group use its youth centers.

Other purposes of the visit included collecting materials on gay civil rights cases, learning about the queer community in this city, and studying AIDS-related activities.

Bits & Pieces

After San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt asked the City Attorney to investigate allegations that USAir refused to transport HIV-positive blood samples for use in AIDS research, the airline recanted and will now make the delivery. The airline has acknowledged that such a shipment of blood samples, which poses no health risk, was rejected. The blood is to be used by AIDS researchers at the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C.... The sheriff of Coconino County, Florida, says he has personal problems with a music event held by a gay group in a public park, but gave them the go-ahead because of "legal obligation." The group's spokespeople expressed shock at the sheriff's views... Meanwhile a Goldsboro, N.C., couple is waging a campaign to remove *Daddy's Roommate* from their local library. The book is about a child who lives with his father and daddy's lover. A decision is expected in September when the county library board meets... South Dakota Public Television did not run the Masterpiece Theatre "Portrait of a Marriage" because it contained graphic nudity, not because of the sexual preference of the main characters, or so they say. But can they spell "prudery?"... Irangate's Ollie North told the Non-Commissioned Officers Association at its convention on July 24 that women should not be allowed into combat and queers should be nixed from the military... Queers are urging a boycott of the University of Wisconsin bookstore because they say it fired a staffer because she's a lesbian. The bookstore won't comment... ZZA's Trattoria and Chappellet Vineyards will co-sponsor a benefit for the Center for AIDS Services in Oakland on Aug. 6. Eat Italian food and sample four wines from Chappellet Vineyards from 11 am to 10 pm. One hundred percent of each dinner check and waiters' tips go to the AIDS group. The restaurant is located at 552 Grand Ave... The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Francisco needs volunteers to visit AIDS/ARC patients. For info, call (415) 750-2144... The July 19 Sixth Annual AIDS Walk in San Francisco, with 15,000 participants, raised $2,511,427 for local organizations... The California State Board of Education seeks applications of candidates for appointment to the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission. For an application, write the State Board of Education, Box 944272, Sacramento, CA 94244-2720... The BAPHR Foundation, the fundraising and grant-making arm of the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, announces the start of its 1992 granting cycle. For information, write BAPHR Foundation, Box 15005, SF 94115 or call (415) 558-9353.

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Blame It on WeHo

by Steve Holley

If you haven't been to West Hollywood lately, you may be in for a surprise. A funny thing has happened to WeHo on the way to the '90s. It has been energized and cosmopolized to the point where even San Franciscans can appreciate it. Nowadays, it's a place where pedestrians reign, style matters and you're never far from the City of Angels' fastest-proliferating urban flourish—the coffeehouse.

West Hollywood has long been dismissed by New York and San Francisco gay critics (as well as Los Angeles defectors who have opted for Silverlake or the beach) as a glitz ghetto, more suburban than urban, with neither the grittiness of the East Village (that's for sure) or the neighborhood character of the Castro. A typically dismissive article in New York's now defunct *OutWeek* panned West Hollywood as the home of airhead boys with streaked blond hair, clad in pastel tank tops and tethered to car phones in their Mercedes convertibles.

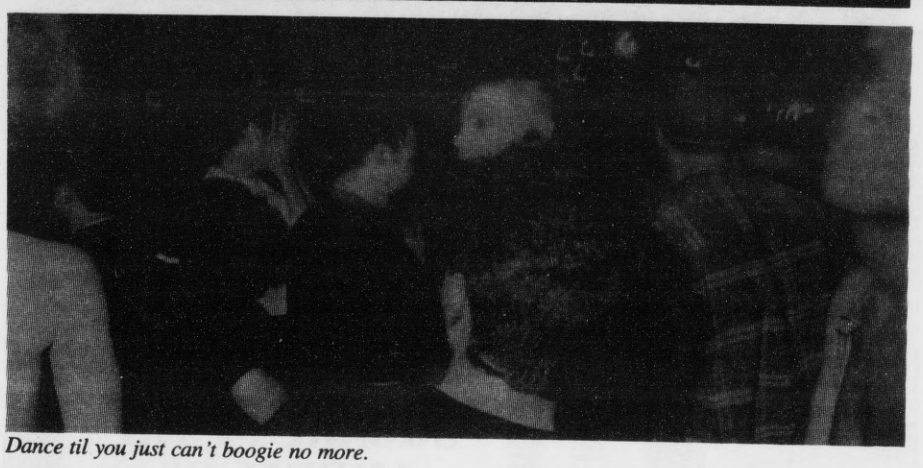
Not that the image was entirely undeserved. The term "too West Hollywood" is certainly in the local gay vernacular. There's always been the notorious L.A. attitude problem—a stiffness on the streets, where folks seldom offer a casual hello. And yes, fashion-wise, there are still some who could heed the admonition, "Friends don't let friends wear neon." As for the vanity factor, it's alive and well with the summer's latest body fad— shaved legs. The upside is that West Hollywood probably has an accumulation of more great-looking gay men than anyplace on the planet. And, yes, some know it.

Despite these facts of life in the actor/model/waiter capital of the world, West Hollywood has undergone a shift lately, and it seems more substantial and vibrant. The recession notwithstanding, a flurry of development continues to transform Santa Monica Boulevard, L.A.'s Gay Main Street. The sea change probably occurred during the AB101 demonstrations last fall. With the intersection of Santa Monica and San Vicente boulevards as ground zero for a month of marches, Los Angeles gays and lesbians defiantly claimed West Hollywood's streets as their own. "Out of the bars and into the streets" was a common chant. Once they took over the streets, the energy remained, and the sidewalks are still active. This is news in (nobody-walks-in) L.A. Somewhat simultaneously, two establishments a block away from either side of that intersection—A Different Light's flagship store and the 6 Gallery Coffeehouse—became activist hangouts outside the traditional bar venues, and foot traffic accelerated. The city of West Hollywood, population 36,000 in an area of 1.9 square miles, officially admits a third of its residents are gay and lesbian. So what you have is a gay-friendly urban village that's increasingly pedestrian-friendly.

FRIDAY NIGHT, SANTA MONICA BLVD.

The shimmering green- and blue-glass Pacific Design Center hovers like Space Mountain over this gay Disneyland. The temple of design is a defining postmodern landmark for West Hollywood. In its shadow tonight, the sidewalks are a blur of boys with airbrushed features frequenting the bars, cafes and shops from Larabee to La Peer. A steady stream of customers and characters filters in and out of **A Different Light,** hangout and queeringhouse for what's current. At tables set up out front, organizations are pushing political petitions, safe sex seminars and anti-gay-bashing awareness. Inside, best-selling gay and lesbian authors read their fiction at monthly book signings, and customers mingle, browse and cruise.

To get a fix on the night's activities, grab a free copy of *Frontiers* and *Edge* and peruse the battle of the ads for this week's mega-dance party, fund-raising extravaganza and the theme-of-the-week at the clubs. For something more saucy, more underground, get the scoop in the plucky pamphlet *Planet Homo*.



Dance til you just can't boogie no more.

Or take a spin around Boystown, following the hypnotic beat as it syncopates with the traffic sounds along the boulevard. Tonight is **Hollywood Boys Club** at **Studio One** (652 N. La Peer), just off the boulevard, a gathering place of the young, buff and bronzed gymbos along with the men who love them. And in an era where the Bad Boy look is in vogue, Studio One continues to attract the clean-cut Boy Next Door. Trendier dance clubs may come and go—currently Arena, Catch One, Trade, Maxx—but Studio, still going after more than 15 years, is the club scene's Energizer bunny. A dash of daring is provided by budding porn stars and Marky Mark wannabes, who climb atop scaffolded platforms, dressed in combat boots and something skimpy from *International Male*. Instantly tranformed into go-go guys (didn't I just see him in the grocery store?), they pose provocatively and shake it to the latest house music. And as standard go-go etiquette, appreciative onlookers stuff greenbacks into their lycra loincloths.

In the adjacent Studio Backlot, Friday night means **Girlbar.** Lesbian hipsters climb this stairway to girl heaven and pack the Backlot for the once-a-week party with gender-appropriate go-go attractions. Adding to entertainment gridlock, the **Rose Garden Performance Center** (665 N. Robertson Blvd.), formerly the Rose Tattoo, is a cabaret complex beneath Studio One. Though run by a mostly gay staff, the club presents a range of acts that attract varied crowds. A soul sister from Chicago is singing R&B in the intimate basement **Rose Cabaret,** while upstairs in the supper club **Erica's at the Rose,** an entertainer just back from the Big Apple is wowing an upscale dinner crowd with show tunes and brassy banter. The acts are usually first-rate; the space, with mirrored ceiling and beams, feels like you're inside a cubic zirconium.

Around the corner on the boulevard, you may or may not hit paydirt at **Mother Lode** (8944 Santa Monica Blvd.), a neighborhood fixture, so check back for the gold rush on Sunday evenings during its rowdy five-buck beerbust. Next to the gay bank, everpopular **Rage** (8911 Santa Monica Blvd.) flings its French doors open onto the street to lure the steady stream of party boys. From the street you can view the crowded front bar; what you can't see is the sizeable, steamy dance floor packed with a loose crowd displaying exhibitionist dance tendencies. True trendies gave it up years ago ("too West Hollywood"), regulars warn it's not as hip on weekends, but on good nights—Tuesdays and Thursdays—the DJ pounds Deep House for serious dancing. Competing a block away is **Micky's** (8857 Santa Monica Blvd.), formerly the dim and campy Four Star Saloon,

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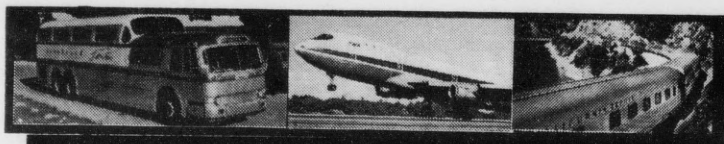

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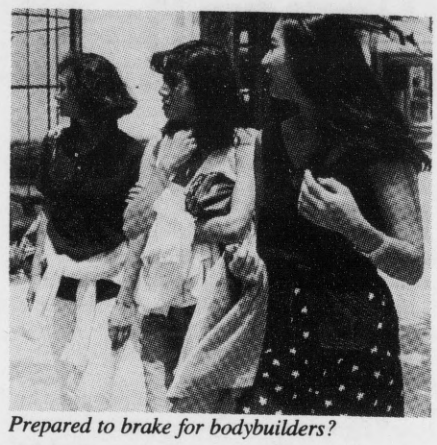
It's not so manic a block away at the guppie video bar **Revolver** (8851 Santa Monica Blvd.)—named not for a pistol but for its revolving door entrance which hermetically seals the cool, contemporary space. A decade ago this was the Blue Parrot, everybody's favorite tropical neighborhood bar. But now in the '90s, you'll find yourself in the midst of a young male crowd, who mostly stand around transfixed by the multiple monitors. Talking is obviously optional. Even so, the slick ambiance and nightly themed video programming keep Revolver one of the boulevard's most popular spots. In the back, a smallish cappuccino bar attracts lipstick lesbians, especially on Tuesdays when it's **Club Banshee.**

Back out on the boulevard, the West Hollywood street scene is marching eastward, and one step ahead in the concept battle, **J.J. Daq** (8737 Santa Monica Blvd.) is the latest entry in the area's cavalcade of bars. Touting itself as a place to "suck it, slurp it, swallow it," this snazzy "frozen beverage brewery" specializes in daiquiris and offers video, cool decor and, best of all, a nonsmoking atmosphere.

THE ULTIMATE GAY DISTRICT

Actually, the biggest change in West Hollywood is occurring along the strip of the boulevard between Larrabee and La Cienega. Once-vacant stretches have filled in with new developments that have established a postmodern uptown to Boystown's downtown. How's this for the ultimate Gay District. Across from the West Hollywood City Hall, the mammoth Sports Connection Health Club anchors a mega-block which encompasses an active-sportswear store, menswear boutique, homeopathic drug store, health drink "power" bar, a lesbian bar, another health club and a hair salon. Nearby you'll find places



Prepared to brake for bodybuilders?

for more gymwear, facials, isolation tanks, gobs of hair salons and one-on-one workout/aerobics studios. Be prepared to brake for bodybuilders. Despite this fascination for grooming, locals still eat. Several new restaurants—most with outdoor/sidewalk dining—have sprouted in the area, including the **Montage Bistro** (8730 Santa Monica Blvd.) for California cuisine, **Tango Grill** (8807 Santa Monica Blvd.) for Argentine fare, **Benvenuto** (8512 Santa Monica Blvd.) for Italian, **Bon Doux** (8575 Santa Monica Blvd.) for pastries and ice cream, and **Pompeii** (8739 Santa Monica Blvd.), a Neapolitan gelateria. To see the latest entry in L.A.'s dizzying designer restaurant scene, design buffs shouldn't miss **Cafe La Boheme** (8400 Santa Monica Blvd.), for dinner or just for drinks. The California eclectic cuisine is fine, but the real attraction is the dazzling futuristic-medieval decor.

Boystown nightlife is largely mainstream and best appreciated if you're pretty and twentysomething (that hasn't changed). One exception inside WeHo is **Sin-a-matic,** held Saturday nights at **Peanuts** (7969 Santa Monica Blvd.), next to the

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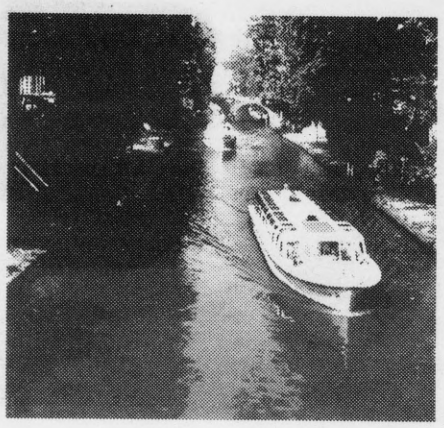

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enduring French Market Place. Billed as a "psychotronic queer experience," Sin-a-matic is what you'd expect from decadent Hollyweird and more. Mix Mapplethorpe and Almodovar and you're in the ballpark. This is your mondo-techno headquarters: non-stop strobes, jackhammer techno, twisted video loop, and tattooed, pierced male and female go-go dancers writhing and funking on the stage. Doc Martens or drag, this gender-mixed, gay underground crowd is avant-garde, exotic and energized—at least *this* week. Once a lesbian club, Peanuts has perfected a round-robin approach that manages to attract the range of West Hollywood's scenesters on different nights of the week. Besides Sin-a-matic's polymorphous pleasures, Peanuts turns straight for **English Acid** on Wednesdays, featuring live rock bands, and the popular **Bordello** on Thursdays, when a straight Harley crowd dances to a DJ spinning rock and funk. Drag prevails on other nights of the week. Peanuts is flanked by

Plenty of fresh fruit.

the **French Quarter** restaurant (7985 Santa Monica Blvd.)—a zany, 24-hour coffee shop, outdoor cafe and quintessential gay hangout for the masses inside the French Market. On the other side is the fabulous **La Fabula** (7953 Santa Monica Blvd.), a *muy* gay Mexican cantina. If it's bulging with boys and no table is in sight, you'll find a refined atmosphere and tasty food next door at **Figs** (7929 Santa Monica Blvd.), yet another new gay restaurant, with the namesake fig tree out back.

GRITTIER TO THE EAST

The rule of thumb in West Hollywood is the farther east you go the grittier it gets. The bars east of La Cienega also attract an older crowd. Though probably not sanctioned by West Hollywood city planners, there's a gay bar along Santa Monica Boulevard about every half mile—just a guesstimate. Way stations include the **Gold Coast** (8228 Santa Monica Blvd.), next to the crazy, cruisy Circus of Books; **Rafters** (7994 Santa Monica Blvd.), across from the French Market; and the **Eagle** (7864 Santa Monica Blvd.), in the midst of the growing Russian immigrant ghetto. Frankly, they are all the same bar; you'll be able to distinguish the **Spike** (7746 Santa Monica Blvd.) though, because there's usually a line for weekend after-hours. A safe bet if you're allergic to mousse, the Spike is crewcuts and tattoos, sleeveless shirts and sleazy jeans, biceps and beer—and, okay, some older clones. It gets down and dirty, belts out high-decibel, current music and promises no conversation. (What? WHAT?) It's the Castro on steroids, and very popular. Some things never change.

Los Angeles has become addicted to a caffeine scene in the last few years, and in West Hollywood, coffeehouses have introduced a more relaxed, less sexually charged and more co-gender hangout than the gay bar scene. Order a java and snack in a copper-and-brick, arty-eclectic **6 Gallery** (8861 Santa Monica Blvd.), then grab a ringside seat at the sidewalk. The name comes from the San Francisco site of Allen Ginsberg's 1955 pornography arrest for reading his poem "Howl"; here, art exhibits, writers' salons, open mike and an activist-oriented bulletin board add a bohemian edge. Back toward Studio One, **The Abbey** (685 N. Robertson Blvd.) is a cozy coffee-

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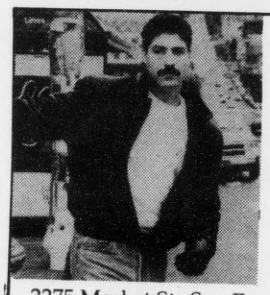

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house trimmed in stained glass. Nothing monastic here, though; a busy front patio allows patrons to keep one eye on their double decaf espresso and another on the passing pecs.

Understandably avoiding such high levels of testosterone, West Hollywood's lesbians meet a mile or so east on the boulevard. At the **Palms** (8672 Santa Monica Blvd.), West Hollywood's oldest lesbian club, the legend lives on. It's a woman's thing, but notable Hollywood couples have been known to cruise for a third party here. Across the street is the more *au courant* **Little Frida's** (8545 Santa Monica Blvd.). This predominantly female coffee bar is a living shrine to Mexican artist Frida Kahlo—Frida prints, books, postcards and memorabilia abound. Painted furniture and decorative wall finishes give the place a funky, convivial ambiance. Patio seating encourages earnest Frida worship or java-powered discourses on The Year of the Woman.

Next door to Frida's, **EZTV** (8547 Santa Monica Blvd.) is on the video vanguard, presenting fringe films and videos, usually documentary, exploring issues ignored by mainstream media. The space includes a Digital Gallery, exhibiting any- and everything to do with computer art. EZTV also presents multi-media performances by artists who use video or film as components in their work. For live theater, you can count on something topical and entertaining father east at the **Coast Playhouse** (8325 Santa Monica Blvd.), just around the corner from WeHo's way-cool Tex-Mex parlor, **Marix** (1108 N. Flores at Santa Monica Blvd.); or at the **Tiffany Theater** (8532 Sunset Blvd.), up on the mostly-straight Sunset Strip.

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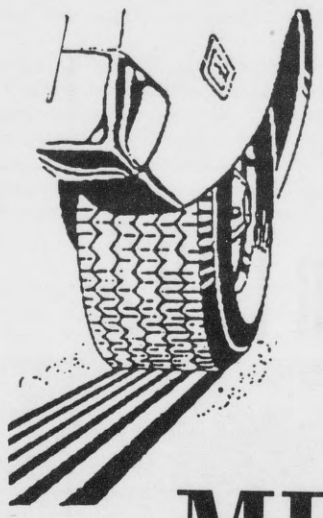

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Russian River— Alive and Well in 1992

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Beating the heat at Drums on the Russian River.

by Tom W Kelley

Is gay Guerneville dying??? In a word, hell no. Okay, that's two words. As the now-late, great Mr. Shaw would say, "News of the death of gay Guerneville is greatly exaggerated."

Everything must change, and the Russian River area—more specifically "gay Guerneville"—is no exception. Tough times have hit the whole country, Guerneville included. Nationwide, businesses that manage to stay solvent are making modifications to do so. The Russian River gay businesses are even—for the first time—organizing their activities in a spirit of solidarity.

With a paucity of facts, rumors have recently run rampant. Will The Woods be open for business this summer? Will they rebuild the incinerated bar, restaurant, etc.? Will or will not Fife's become a breeding ground for, well, basic family units? And what's this I hear about a new gay bar opening?

Answers: The Woods is indeed open. The bar and dance floor are definitely operational. Fife's is still on the auction block, but for now remains as gay as ever. Ziggurat is the glorious new dance bar conveniently located in Guerneville, and is truly now up and running.

Much of gay ole Guerneville is still going strong. And contrary to doomsayers, the gay presence is bolstered by a new resort, as well as improvements to some of the old. My attempt at a comprehensive listing (time for those Letters to the Editor re: my omissions) is as follows:

Perhaps the most delightful addition to the scene is the **Sherwood Forest Resort** at 14880 River Rd. Rates range from $65-106. (800/453-7473 or in Sonoma County 707/869-1801) Guerneville fans of long standing will recognize the location as the old River Village before it went straight. Well, it's gay again.

A series of bungalows ranging from studios to two-bedrooms, all come furnished with color televisions (with basic cable), full bathrooms and complete kitchens. And for those of you who pack everything, including the kitchen sink, don't. Leave those pots and pans at home. The resort provides all.

Though several suites are just off the main strip, passing cars are muffled whooshes. But if you're *extremely* sensitive to any and all street noises, request offstreet accommodations. The newly refurbished rooms sparkle.

Boasting a very private jacuzzi, nude dips are allowed (even encouraged, judging by the hunk I saw soaking). Freeweights and workout bench are also available.

Tom and Roger, the managers, are friendly and helpful, a real plus when those odd circumstances arise. And when you travel, they usually do.

Fine dining is available on the premises at **Friar Tuck's Restaurant** (and full-service bar), serving a complete brunch menu ($4.50-8.50) as well as superb dinner fare. Great service and quality make the meals well worth their price. Outdoor service, especially poolside, is not just relaxing but also visually stimulating.

Billed as "A Guesthouse on the Russian River," **The Willows** can be found just outside the tiny town of Guerneville at 15905 River Road. Rates range from $49-99 (707/869-3279). Rick and Bill, who own and live on the premises, are your hosts.

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The Willows boasts a fine, large new kitchen situated on the back porch just below the old facilities. Everything (other than food) is provided for you to prepare your own sumptuous feasts. A large sign by the sink, "Rules for Kitchen Use," does request that you clean up after yourself. But the cooking and cleaning are gloriously enhanced by the view of the lawns and the gently winding Russian River. On a seasonal basis, canoes are available free of charge. Camping facilities are available. Parking on roadside.

Also situated directly on the Russian River is "one of the Russian River's best kept secrets," **The Mountain Lodge**, at 16350 First St. Rates range from $60-110 (707/869-3722). Located off the main strip, the resort is gated, offering privacy, security and off-street parking. The manager, Tom, explained that the Lodge is "Quiet and friendly, catering mostly to women, but also some gay men." There's a pool, hot tub and two spas. One studio accommodation even comes complete with steam bath! However, televisions and kitchen utensils are subject to availability.

Reflecting the ever-changing River scene, **Camelot Resort** at 4th and Mill St. is now adult only, i.e. NO KIDS! (except for Gay Parents weekend). Rates range from $65-115 (707/869-2538). Manager Jim (of Jim and Doug) explained that, "Last year we were mixed, but this year we expect a mainly gay clientele." Supporting this statement, I couldn't help but notice the abundant supply of rubbers in the registration office. Also off the main road, the rooms are very quiet, wrapped around the solar-heated pool. Some cabins offer fireplaces, and all units have private bath and color television.

Billed as "A unique place to stay on the Russian River" is the **Paradise Cove Resort** at 14711 Armstrong Woods Rd. Rates range from $60-115 (707/869-2706). The solar-heated swimming pool and large hydrotherapy spa are surrounded by beautifully furnished cabins, all of which have private bathrooms and sundecks. On weekend mornings a complimentary continental breakfast is available.

Just up the hill from Main Street is the **Highlands Resort**, "a country retreat on four wooded acres" at 14000 Woodland Dr. Rates range from $37-98 (707/869-0333). Nude sunbathing is available at the very private pool and hot tub. Each morning coffee, pastries and fresh fruit are served in the Guest Lounge, where movies are also shown nightly. Camping facilities are also available ($15-18) with complete shower facilities.

The **Russian River Resort**, at 16390 4th St., describes itself as "an exciting place to meet new friends." Rates range from $55-125 (707/869-0691). Many of the 24 units include wood burning stoves, and all offer private baths and cable color televisions. Their restaurant serves up breakfast, lunch and dinner (room service is available). Enjoy drinks at poolside from the full-service bar and/or relax at the spa or sundeck. Freeweights are also available.

Fife's can be found just north of the Safeway on River Rd. Rates range from $50-185 (800/734-3371 or in Sonoma 707/869-0656). It's a sprawling complex complete with every luxury including pool, hot tub, restaurant, full-service bar, country-western dancing, cruisy grounds, and an impressive variety of cabins. The variety of possibilities for the accommodations (all with private baths) include poolside locations, wood-burning stoves, fireplaces and wet bar (Vera's Cottage), etc. etc. The campsites vary from small to large ($10-20).

As for **The Woods**, they might have been a bit battered and bruised, but they're open for business. A bit of a jaunt from Guerneville, they're located at 16881 Armstrong Woods Rd., just around the bend from the majestic redwood forest of Armstrong Woods. Rates range from $50-160 (800/479-6637). Lodge accommodations as well as private cabins are available, and all include color televisions and private baths. Cabins have refrigerators but no longer offer cooking facilities. Extremely popular over the years, The Woods offers two swimming pools, poolside drinks, poolside brunch on weekends, full service bar and dancing.

Dancing? A new spot, named Ziggurat, where the River Theatre used to be, is now open. Located adjacent to the River Inn (great food!), it's walkable from the in-town resorts. What a pleasure not to worry about parking, driving under the influence, etc., etc. The place is BIG and boasts an incredible light show.

The **GYM**! The Body Works on the main strip has closed. BUT, there is a beautiful new space on the grounds at the Mountain Lodge and it's called... The Mountain Lodge Gym. Makes sense. Even if you hate those walls of windows at gyms that let everybody see how you're doing whatever you're doing, you'll love these facilities. The floor-to-ceiling windows overlook grassy lawns and the Russian River itself (NOT a busy sidewalk). Bev, the weekend manager, is a gem—personable and helpful. Obviously enjoying her work, she offered that, "A great group of people come here. Friendly. No attitude." Open seven days a week, the fees are reasonable at just $5/day. For more information, call (707) 869-3722.

It's possible to "buy gay" and yet leave your resort for food and/or drinks. Nearby gay-owned and operated restaurants include the **Cinnabar Coffee Shop** and **Molly Brown's**. For drinks, pool, pinball, tabletop shuffleboard, etc., visit **The Rainbow Cattle Company**. You'll meet visitors from all over the United States as well as neighbors you didn't know you had in San Francisco.

So, all in all, gay Guerneville is doing just fine. Far from dying, it's growing—healthy as the verdant hills that surround it. And hopefully as long-lasting as the mighty redwoods that tower above it.

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Transportation: Russian River is not just for those blessed/cursed to own a car. Or those able/willing to rent a car. You CAN get to Guerneville from San Francisco by bus.

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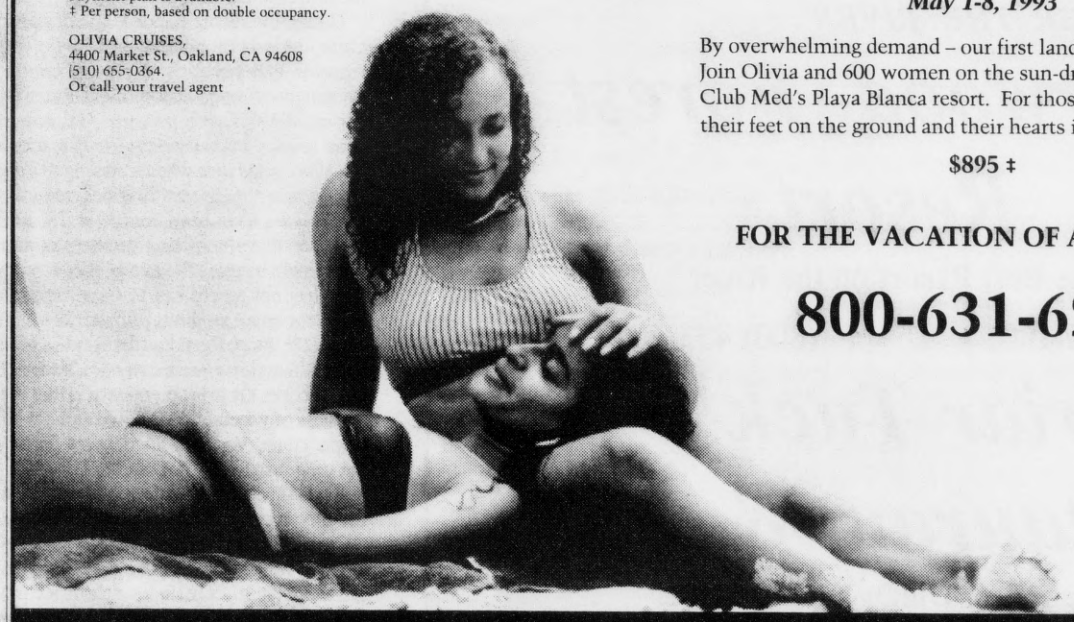

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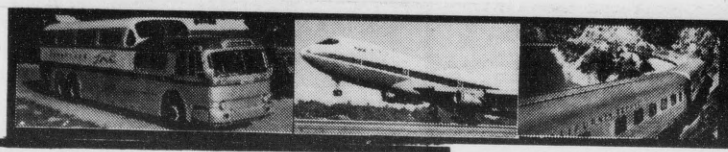
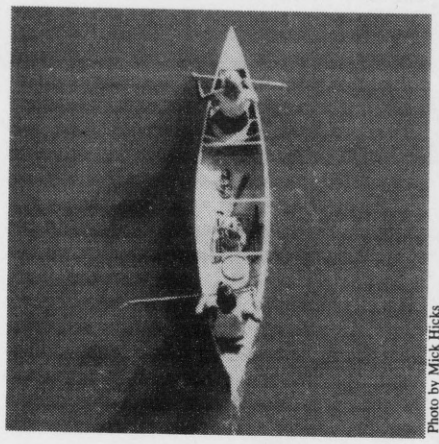


onto Sonoma County Transit's #20. This will wind you through hill and dale (just what is a dale?) and drop you at Guerneville in about an hour and a half (River Express in about 40 minutes). It's somewhat circuitous, but a lovely ride. Call Sonoma Transit for more info at (707) 576-7433 or (800) 345-7433 ($1.40 River Express, $1.70 regular route). [WARNING: The last Sonoma County Transit bus leaving for Guerneville departs the Santa Rosa Transit mall daily at 6:00 pm.]

Once checked into your Guerneville accommodations, you can easily explore adjoining



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areas. **Bicycle** renting is available at Mike's Bikes, 16434 River Rd., across the street from Safeway. Rates vary from $5 per hour to daily rates. For information call (707) 869-1106. **Taxi** service is available. And for you hearty souls, take a hike. Fairly nearby is **Armstrong Woods**. These majestic redwoods are absolutely beautiful.

River Road/Main Street (The Guerneville Strip): Resorts on or just off The Guerneville Strip (easily walkable from the bus stop) include The Mountain Lodge, Camelot, The Russian River Resort, and Fife's, along with nearby Sherwood Forest, Willows, Paradise Cove and the Highlands. Food and drink are available at the Cinnabar Coffee Shop, Sherwood Forest, Fife's and The Russian River Resort. Alcoholic beverages are obtainable at the Rainbow Cattle Company.

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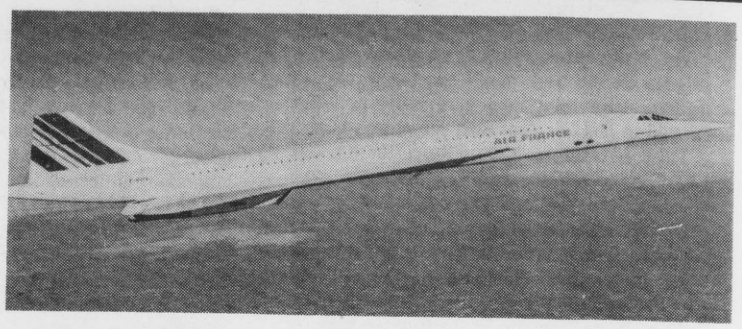

Going to a foreign country, especially one of the large majority of nations where English is not dominant, can invert one's world. Nothing is easy, and even mundane chores like shopping for food or getting the laundry done suddenly require learning a whole new set of steps.

The stress of daily life in a new country can be difficult. Many people get ill while traveling, especially since they are meeting new gastrointestinal and other microbes for which their immune systems are unprepared. What is true for many is even more true of people with HIV, but this does not mean they cannot travel. "People with HIV who are reasonably smart about it can do anything everyone else can. They just have to be more compulsive about the normal precautions," says AIDS specialist Dr. Marcus Conant.

MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS

To get a sense of the reasonable precautions to take while traveling in unfamiliar lands, *SF Bay Times* talked with Susan Jacobson, M.D., an infectious disease specialist, who runs a travel medicine clinic and also sees patients at the East Bay AIDS Center in Berkeley.

Dr. Jacobson noted the dearth of information any physician has concerning travel with HIV. Nobody is correlating individuals' experience. There are nevertheless many obvious considerations.

Unlike some other physicians, Dr. Jacobson feels that no area of the world is a no-no for people with HIV. "There are just places to be a little more careful and a little less adventuresome."

Certain parts of Africa and Asia, where medical care is poor, might be avoided depending on how isolated you will be—and how much money you have. The key is to go with more drugs and be extra careful about sanitation.

Traveler's diarrhea is perhaps the biggest threat around the world for everybody, striking as many as half of all visitors in certain countries. Of course, it threatens those with HIV worst of all. Fortunately, Septra/Bactrim (cotrimoxazole), which many already are taking to prevent pneumocystis, is a cheap and excellent preventive for gastrointestinal infections. Two tablets of Pepto-Bismol four times a day also helps, but the "gold standard" is the costly antibiotic ciprofloxacin (500 mg per day). The same agents are also good for treating diarrhea once it occurs.

Usually, however, prophylaxis for diarrhea is not recommended unless you are very immunosuppressed. A wide range of microbes, including E. coli, shigella and salmonella bacteria, plus amoebas and such exotic diseases as cholera and typhoid fever, can cause diarrhea. The safest way to avoid them is to look after your food and water.

"Boil it, cook it, peel it or forget it is the rule to follow," says Dr. Jacobson. (This is also important in Europe, where undercooked meat is a major source of toxoplasmosis in people with AIDS.)

Two diseases that cause not only diarrhea but much worse effects are typhoid fever and cholera. Vaccines exist for them, but the one for cholera is not very effective, and the killed typhoid vaccine has many side effects. Assiduous attention to sanitation, including proper cooking and using only safe drinking water, should help to prevent these diseases in places where they are common.

There is a live typhoid vaccine that is usually safer than the killed one, but vaccines containing live, attenuated strains of bacteria and viruses are dangerous for people with HIV. Their immune systems may not be strong enough to resist even these weakened microbes.

Generally recommended killed vaccines include tetanus/diphtheria and polio boosters; measles and hepatitis B (if susceptible); and pneumococcus and hemophilus influenza type B for all HIV-positive persons. Gamma globulin shots to ward off hepatitis A for up to four months are also a good idea when traveling to poor countries where the disease is widespread.

Vaccines have been controversial, because it is feared that stimulating people's immune systems might increase the rate of HIV reproduction. This has not turned out to be a major concern given the small amounts of material used in vaccines. Dr. Jacobson noted that studies of immune system function after vaccination have not found any decline. Of greater concern is that the effectiveness of vaccines goes down along with the T-helper count. Vaccines are not very useful in people diagnosed with AIDS.

For additional food-safety information, whether for traveling or otherwise, obtain the brochure "Eating Defensively: Food Safety Advice for Persons with AIDS," by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It includes a short section on international travel. You can obtain a free copy from the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse, 800-458-5231, Monday through Friday, 9 am through 7 pm Eastern time.

GETTING EMERGENCY CARE

HIV and AIDS are not that great a problem when traveling, because the illnesses related to them often (but by no means always) develop slowly, so that there is plenty of time to go home or at least find appropriate care. The most common emergency facing travelers with HIV is an automobile accident, just as with everyone else.

If you need to see a doctor outside the United States, try to find out where the U.S. consulate staff or the local expatriate community goes. That is a useful source of safe, expert medical assistance.

U.S. consulates and other agencies do provide lists of physicians, but their reliability is questionable. The State Department will not recommend specific doctors. The lists that consulates maintain merely record all those doctors who expressed an interest in treating Americans.

American consular officials also can help you contact friends or family back home for money to pay the doctor. They can even loan you money in case of dire need. (But note that they then stamp your passport to indicate that you owe the government money. This makes the document unusable except for the return trip, until you repay the loan.)

The financial entanglements of emergency foreign care are fearsome. According to John Schmidt, a partner in a gay-oriented insurance agency, "There's not a person I know who will cover [HIV-related] conditions" when traveling.

AIDS and HIV fall under the "pre-existing conditions" exclusion clause of all types of traveler's insurance (including that for canceled tickets). If you already have health insurance that covers you in your trip's destination, you are lucky.

KNOW THE COUNTRY

To get around the State Department's lackadaisical services, John Slama of Winship Travel, which counts many HIV-positive people among its clients, recommends: "Educate yourself about the countries you're going to. Find out about the AIDS situation there and about repression of local gays. It's good to develop contacts among the residents so that you can obtain reliable doctors and lawyers."

One good place to start accumulating this information is in the Spartacus Guide for Gay Men (Bruno Gmunder Publications, U.S. office: 100 E. Biddle St., Baltimore, MD 21202; telephone: 410-727-5677), which is sold in gay bookstores and lists legal conditions along with health and service organizations by country.

Slama, like Dr. Jacobson, notes that there is a need for someone to collect and disseminate individuals' actual experiences. Theory counts for little in travel, where one's good times can be wrecked by the whim of some immigration or other official. Even coming back to the United States can be problematic for people packing a load of strange medicines, and HIV-positive resident aliens take a special risk.

Still, international borders here and elsewhere have not proved a consistent hassle. So, have fun while you travel. Just keep in mind the limits of your body, try to bone up on local conditions before you leave home, and you should be all right.

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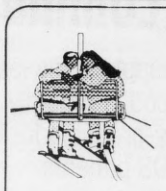

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aids treatment news by john s. james

Bitter Melon: Traditional Treatment Tried for AIDS

As many as 100 persons with AIDS or HIV in Los Angeles, California, may be using bitter melon (Momordica charantia) —a traditional herbal treatment, and also a food, in Philippine, Chinese, and certain other cultures—in the hope that it might be helpful as an AIDS treatment. No scientific trials have yet been run; and use of bitter melon as a possible AIDS treatment seems to be mostly limited to the Los Angeles area at this time. If bitter melon is found to be helpful, it would be important throughout the world, because this treatment costs very little, so people everywhere could afford it.

Interest in bitter melon for HIV began in two different ways:

First, academic researchers found two proteins in bitter melon which inhibit HIV in laboratory tests: MAP 30, and momorcharin. But no one knows for sure what active ingredient or ingredients (if any) might have clinical usefulness.

Second, the public interest in bitter melon developed because of the work of one patient, who tried the treatment after learning that it was being tested in the Philippines for treating leukemia. He has used it for three years and reports very good results. He happens to live in Los Angeles, and has spoken at many AIDS meetings there. That is why the AIDS/HIV use of bitter melon is currently centered in that city.

So far there seems to have been little risk from this treatment; however, pregnant women must be warned that bitter melon extracts can induce abortion. Not everybody finds that this treatment works; some have reported that it did not seem to help. And if it does work, it may take four to six months for clear benefit to be seen.

Bitter melon is traditionally prepared for medicinal use as a tea for drinking. But most of the people trying it for AIDS are using it by retention enema, because of concern that some ingredients might be destroyed in the stomach.

A report about bitter melon, including instructions for obtaining and using it, is being prepared by an AIDS support organization. To obtain a copy, send a SASE to: AIDS Intervention Team of APLG, 300 West Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Combination Antivirals: ddC Plus AZT Approved

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the drug ddC for treating people with advanced HIV infection, including AIDS—but only for use in combination with AZT. This approval, effective June 19, was based on two small, preliminary studies which showed much greater improvement in T-helper counts with the combination treatment than would be expected with AZT alone. (But a large study comparing ddC alone with AZT alone was stopped early, because the AZT worked much better; those treated with AZT had a lower chance of dying of AIDS than those treated only with ddC. That is why ddC was approved for use in combination with AZT, but not for use by itself.)

"ddC" is an abbreviation for the chemical name 2,3'-dideoxycytidine; it is also called zalcitabine (generic drug name) or HIVID (brand name). The drug, developed as an AIDS treatment by Hoffmann-La Roche, was first approved in Austria, on April 7; Roche has also applied for approval in over 20 countries in Europe.

ddC is inexpensive to manufacture. The reason is that very low doses are used; one kilogram is enough to treat 1,000 people for more than a year. But unfortunately, ddC may not be practical as a low-cost treatment which could be available anywhere in the world, since AZT is also required. AZT costs more to manufacture, and it also costs more to use, since blood tests are required to use it safely.

The main side effect of ddC is peripheral neuropathy, which causes numbness, tingling, burning, or pain in the hands or feet. If moderate discomfort occurs, it is important to stop the drug immediately. Sometimes half-dose treatment can resume later.

For more information about using ddC, see the "package insert" for the drug, which is written for physicians.

3-Drug Combination Trial: ddC + AZT + Interferon

Burroughs-Wellcome Corporation, which markets AZT, has found that a three-drug combination (AZT plus ddC plus alpha interferon) worked very well against HIV in laboratory tests—much better than the two-drug combination of ddC and AZT (which was recently approved by the FDA). The company has recently started a large clinical trial to see if this combination also works well in people. The trial, which started treating its first volunteers in late June, is comparing standard doses of AZT and ddC against the same doses of those drugs plus a dose of 3 MU of interferon injected once per day.

The form of interferon being used in this trial is Wellferon, a "natural" alpha interferon which contains at least 16 variants of the interferon molecule. Wellferon is approved in some European countries, where it is used for treating hepatitis B. Other brands of alpha interferon might be equivalent, but no one knows for sure.

Note: The controversial AIDS treatment Kemron is a form of alpha interferon similar to Wellferon. But Kemron treatment is very different from standard interferon treatment, such as that used in the Burroughs-Wellcome trial, for two reasons. First, Kemron contains doses of interferon which are thousands of times lower than those generally used. Second, Kemron is placed under the tongue, instead of being given by injection like conventional interferon treatment.

Hypericin: Antiviral From St. John's Wort

St. John's wort, a common plant which grows throughout the world, contains a chemical called hypericin, which may have broad-spectrum antiviral activity—against HIV, cytomegalovirus, human papillomavirus, influenza, hepatitis B, and perhaps other viruses. St. John's wort has long been used in herbal medicine; however, the plant contains very little hypericin, and attempts to use crude extracts of it as an HIV treatment have had little success. It is relatively easy to chemically extract pure hypericin from the herb; but, because of commercial motivations and government regulations, this has seldom been done. There are reports that some people have had unusually good results with concentrated chemical extracts obtained through the AIDS treatment underground, but we have been unable to confirm these reports.

Instead, the commercial effort to develop hypericin has used a chemically synthesized version of the drug, not a plant extract. Several years

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have been lost in testing this potential treatment—because of the time required to develop an efficient synthesis procedure, and for other reasons. Clinical trials are now being done at New York University. In order to get good scientific data, these trials have given hypericin by intravenous injection—even though everyone expects that this drug will be used orally. Recently the dose had to be reduced because a side effect was found; some people receiving the injections reported discomfort in their hands and face, probably due to phototoxicity (abnormal sensitivity to sunlight or other strong light), which has been seen in animal tests of hypericin. The trial is now proceeding with the reduced dose. As of early July, no data is yet available about the possible effectiveness of the drug as an HIV treatment. (Note: Oral use may cause less toxicity than intravenous use. Also, there are reasons to believe that the purified plant extract may work better than the synthetic now being tested.)

What is most needed now is for research groups to extract concentrated hypericin from St. John's wort, and try it orally as a treatment for AIDS or for the other viral diseases listed above, outside of the constraints which inhibit such research in the United States. A chemist, perhaps at a university, working together with a physician, could be the core of such a group.

For more information, contact AIDS Treatment News, (415) 255-0588.

AIDS Action Council Hires Derek Hodel as Treatment Advocate; Expands Political Assistance

The AIDS Action Council, "the only national organization dedicated solely to shaping federal AIDS policy," has hired Derek Hodel, formerly executive director of New York's PWA Health Group, the largest and most influential buyers' club in the nation, as a full-time, Washington-based treatment advocate, starting July 13. Hodel will "lobby, advocate, and organize on issues associated with HIV-related research and HIV-related drug development and access within all relevant branches and agencies of the federal government, within the private sector, and within the AIDS and health-advocacy communities." His first assignment was to represent the AAC at the International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam.

AAC ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

For the last year, the AAC has run the AIDS Action Network, currently consisting of 720 CBOs from 144 states—including 170 minority organizations. These member organizations receive a short newsletter (usually five or six pages) every two weeks, providing background on policy issues. Recent newsletters have included health-care reform, the presidential campaign work of United for AIDS Action, and tuberculosis. Sometimes they include "federal funding alerts" on deadlines to apply for funds; these can be faxed if urgent.

Recently the AAC started a Community Organizing and Education Department, run by Belinda Rochelle, who is well known as a treatment advocate, especially with the AIDS Clinical Trials Group of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. This project will help local organizations to lobby effectively—for example, by letting them know what political work can legally be done by publicly funded service groups, which, like others, have a right and responsibility to stay in touch with their Congressional representatives. It will work with the whole spectrum of AIDS organizations in a target city, when invited by them, to help them solve federal, state, or local problems—concerning lobbying for state funding, or talking effectively with federal agencies. The new department is also assisting in visits to eight cities to work with local groups. They will organize visits to key members of the appropriations committees in the Senate and House to urge maximum funding for all AIDS programs.

AAC BACKGROUND

The AIDS Action Council is a membership organization supported by the over 500 community-based organizations which are its members. (Do not confuse these organizations with the 720 member organizations of the AIDS Action Network; no fee is required to belong to the latter.) It has been active on many issues: Congressional funding for prevention, care, and research; fighting the federal freeze on funds for housing for disabled persons with AIDS; fighting political restrictions on effective campaigns against AIDS transmission; bringing together physicians and other experts to develop policies on the tuberculosis epidemic; and restoring funds cut from programs targeting AIDS prevention in minority communities. AAC also convenes the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), "a 150-member coalition of national health care, civil liberties, women's, minority, and gay groups involved in the fight against AIDS."

COMMENT

AIDS Action Council's work "to forge the bonds between community-based service providers and national decision-makers," is especially important because many members of Congress have said that they are not hearing about AIDS from their constituents. If more people would let their representatives (and other officials) know that AIDS is important to them, that we need effective prevention programs, treatment research and development, access to care, and compassionate treatment of persons with AIDS or HIV, then the battles in Washington would no longer be an uphill fight. The AIDS Action Council believes that grassroots pressure will keep AIDS a priority in government, and in people's minds. Educating those who care about AIDS on the mechanics of being heard in local, state, and federal governments, and on the background of the policy issues involved, will make that pressure more effective.

Today the usual answer on AIDS, from members of Congress and other federal officials, is that there is no money. AIDS Action Council answered, "However bad the year, where there is political will, increases can be found. We saw that with Desert Storm." (We could add that Congress is willing to spend billions of dollars for weapons systems the Pentagon doesn't even want, just to make jobs in members' districts. AIDS funding would create more jobs, while saving lives instead of accumulating useless hardware.)

But not all the problems are financial. The research and development of new treatments, on which so many people's lives directly depend—and which, when successful, will make many other problems far more manageable—has been characterized by unbelievable wasting of opportunities even when money is not the issue, due to lack of leadership and lack of political will. Until recently there has been a dangerous advocacy vacuum concerning federal issues of science,

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management, and drug development; the Washington organizations have had to focus elsewhere (on funding, prevention, and services), while the treatment organizations have not had the resources or the federal experience to give these issues the attention they deserve. This is why we are encouraged that two major organizations which know the federal system—the AIDS Action Council, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund—have started treatment-advocacy projects.

San Francisco: Combination Trial of Compound Q Plus AZT

A trial at San Francisco General Hospital is now comparing GLQ 223 (trichosanthin, also called compound Q) in combination with AZT, vs. AZT alone or GLQ 223 alone. Standard doses of AZT will be used; the compound Q will be given every week for the first four weeks, and then every three weeks, in escalating doses. The study will last 45 weeks.

To be eligible, volunteers must have AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection (but not have an active AIDS-defining opportunistic infection when they enter the study). They must have a T-helper count between 200 and 500, have been on AZT for at least nine months before the study, and never have used compound Q. There are additional entry criteria, but these are the ones most likely to rule out potential volunteers.

Book Review

The Medical Management of AIDS, Third Ed. Edited by Merle A. Sande, M.D., and Paul A. Volberding, M.D. W.B. Saunders, Philadelphia, 1992.

This book, written by over 40 AIDS physicians and other treatment experts from around the world, and edited by leading physicians at San Francisco General, is the most authoritative textbook on mainstream AIDS treatment. The information is up to date; the third edition, published six months after the chapters were ready (very rapid turnaround for a medical textbook), is reaching bookstores now.

The material is well-organized, with 26 chapters covering such areas as dermatologic care, oral complications, gastrointestinal manifestations, neurological complications, hematologic manifestations, and specific infections including pneumocystis, cryptococcal infections, toxoplasmosis, bacterial infections, syphilis, TB and MAI, and malignancies. A "Special Aspects of AIDS" section includes chapters on pediatric AIDS, therapeutic issues in women, AIDS litigation, and supporting health care workers in treatment of HIV-infected patients.

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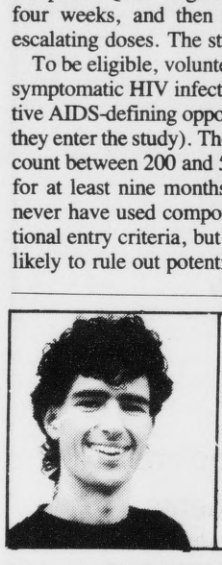

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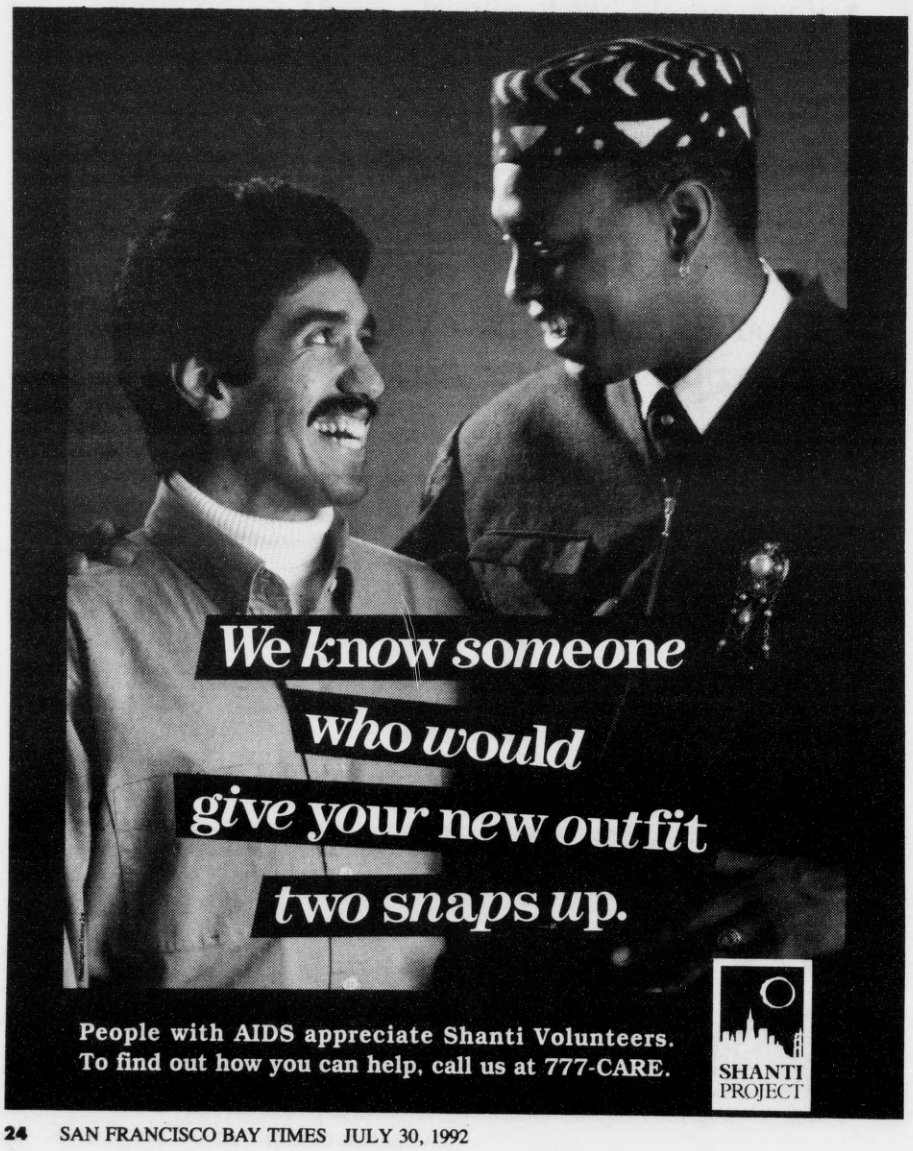

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from the heart by joe caruso

Rick Ruvolo

Beautiful people come in all different forms. You can hear the beauty in their laugh or see it in their eyes. These are the people you interact with and say, "Wow."

Rick Ruvolo is one of those people. He has worked as a legislative aide to Supervisor Harry Britt for four-and-a-half years; however, he has worked for the people of the Bay Area since 1980.

Ruvolo's first job was with the Center for Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement, helping Southeast Asian refugees get from camps in their countries to the United States. This was no small feat, as 14,000 people a month were moved to the United States to start new and better lives.

When asked why he felt the need to aid people from Southeast Asia and why he now helps so many people in San Francisco, Ruvolo replied that his family emigrated from Italy to this country in order to start over. Growing up, he saw how hard it was for people to start over in a new land and learn a new language. He learned more about the problems of immigrants when he was a graduate student in Sweden. He found out firsthand how difficult it was to be a new person in a new land; in addition, some of his friends were in Sweden as political refugees, shut off from their countries and families. Fleeing to Sweden was their only hope of freedom. Ruvolo has seen that need close up and now he helps other refugees in this country find a new future and a new hope for a better life.

With the discovery that he was a gay man, he tapped into the anger, rage and loneliness that he felt when he was closeted and turned that into positive energy. He started giving back to his own new community, turning anger into good will. Working for Supervisor Britt was a natural progression.

The movement is very important to Ruvolo. His rage has not gone away. He focuses the energy on a commitment to helping his own people as well as other people. Never one to forget the past, he still helps those refugees who need just a little help to get by in their new world.

Ten years ago, Ruvolo was one of the founding organizers of a nonprofit group that raised several hundred thousand dollars to buy an 82-unit building of affordable housing for Southeast Asian refugees. Two months ago this same nonprofit, the Indochinese Housing Development Corporation (IHDC) bought another building with 35 units in it. When I asked Rick what his motivation is, he said, "You can never forget where you come from. You must give back. These people, after all, are survivors and they're here to stay. They have come a long way and they have been through a lot and now they are starting a new life here in the city."

Since Ruvolo began his new life as an openly gay man he has helped many in his own community. He now works in the same office once used by Harvey Milk, an achievement he's admittedly proud of. He is very grateful for the friendship and working relationship he has with Supervisor Britt. When Ruvolo brings up Britt you can feel the respect and love he has for his good friend. However, Ruvolo's proudest moments in his job involved helping people with housing and social change, especially his efforts on behalf of the domestic partners ordinance in San Francisco. He feels lucky to be in the group of people who put domestic partners registration together. "The people who worked on domestic partners truly are the best and brightest," he says. "I'm very happy to have been a part of that."

Rick Ruvolo has also worked with and helped the AIDS Emergency Fund, Mobilization Against AIDS, Project Open Hand, Project Inform, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Shanti, Castro Community Business Association and many other people and groups. Ruvolo may say he is very lucky to have been able to work with the best and brightest. I feel it is our community that is really lucky to have him work with and for us. He has served his community right.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor's HIV Health Services Planning Council, the oversight body for Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act funds in the City and County of San Francisco, will be holding a Public Hearing. The Hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 1992, at the Douglass Elementary School Auditorium, 4235 19th Street (at Collingwood) from 4:30-6:30 pm. The purpose is to hear from individuals (consumers of service) about HIV services in the City and County of San Francisco.

Speakers will be limited to three minutes and will be asked to address the most important gaps in services and the best means for addressing those needs. Written testimony may be provided by persons unable to attend the hearing. Forms are available at the AIDS Office, 25 Van Ness, 5th Floor, and should be returned by August 10, 1992.

Parking is limited. Public transportation is easily available on MUNI (K, L, M, 24 and 35 lines). The meeting will have sign language interpreters for the hearing impaired. For further information, please contact Jon Dean Green, HIV Services Coordinator, at (415) 554-9060.

Letters...

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various agendas, it changes the tune considerably.

I fully support the response of the assistant manager of Headlines. They cater to a wide variety of people, hence such an array of varying tastes. There are men in this neighborhood who are easily titillated by the sight of a scantily clad woman. However, I would have to glean from your statements that you only find it correct for a woman to salivate over another woman. For a man to do so, according to your loudly and clearly stated agenda, is "offensive," "insulting" and "a put-down."

In our recent Pride Parade, I found the hundreds of topless women—mostly flabby and cellulite-ridden and shaking their saggy mammalia—to be quite offensive. However, I recognize it as their right to express whatever it is they were expressing. I tolerated their right to express themselves. Now, Ms. Knobloch, if I and my brothers decided to let our dicks flop in the breeze of the parade, you and yours would not tolerate this, but would say that it is a sign of us exerting our male aggressive dominance over women as an act of suppression and denigration. Give it a rest.

You state the material on the cards "denigrates women and casts a shadow on the whole gay community." I could say the same thing about the women who chose to expose themselves in the brazen manner they did. But you would say it's an expression of pride. I guess it just matters which side of the agenda fence you sit on, right?

Please don't ask your gay brothers not to tolerate the choice of Headlines, or the choice of anyone else. What if we chose not to tolerate the actions of the topless women in the parade because we found it "offensive" to womankind and the gay community? You and yours have been far too intolerant for far too long. If it doesn't meet the criteria of your narrow-minded, hate-and-anger-filled agendas, you speak loudly and stridently. Enough. You who cry for solidarity live by dissension. The lesbian community can't even tolerate its own, as has been proven by the poor handling of gender-oriented participation issues at the Michigan Women's Music Festival. The dykes who choose to put these limitations on the thoughts and choices of those within our own community or the world as a whole are no better than the fundamentalist hatemongers who also wish to give us no choice. A police state is not what we need.

I'd like to ask everyone to lend their support to Headlines for trying to cater to the needs of all in our neighborhood. They are tolerant of varying opinions and tastes and they understand that when humor is combined with a charged issue, it can diffuse the severity of its impact.

I guess the agenda-oriented dykes of Ms. Knobloch's ilk don't tolerate a sense of humor, either. Lighten up!

Michael Ward
San Francisco

Grateful to Olivia

We recently returned from the Olivia Alaskan Cruise. It was as though we had been invited to a seven-day, non-stop party where our every need was catered to. There was room to "veg out" in peace and quiet, or space to be very active from 6 am to 2 am every day, with games, entertainment, food, socializing, dancing, tours, comedy, bingo, "horse racing," casino, wildlife watching, etc., etc., etc.

We had a special treat in Juneau when the entire women's community was at dockside to meet our ship. The enthusiasm was delightful and we met several new friends with whom we plan to keep in touch.

We've done a lot of world travel and taken other cruises, straight as well as all-women, and we've found that Olivia's strength lies with the staff that is professional, friendly, knowledgeable and, above all, accessible. Questions and requests were handled efficiently and well by any staff member we approached. This immediate response has always been hard to get on other trips we've taken. This trip had been a lifetime goal and it far exceeded any of our expectations.

There is no other way for us to travel now except with Olivia. We're so glad that they are now branching out to land tours, too. We're grateful to Olivia for these tremendous opportunities.

Joan M. McCarthy
San Francisco

Becoming Sexually Safer

In your May 21 edition you published an article by John S. James on the April 1992 Immune Restoration Conference sponsored by Project Inform ("Immune Restoration Conference: Interview with Martin Delaney of Project Inform"). It is hopeful to learn that immunologists and other AIDS researchers were able to come together for this conference to share information and to initiate collaborative efforts. In that same spirit, I am writing to let your readers know about an innovative new program that addresses another crucial aspect of the response to HIV/AIDS: prevention.

Project ARIES provides supportive telephone counseling for men who have sex with other men and who are continuing to engage in sexual behaviors that place them and their partners at high risk of AIDS transmission. The program consists of group counseling delivered entirely by telephone, using teleconferencing equipment. Services are provided free of charge, and men may choose to participate confidentially (i.e., providing their names), or completely anonymously.

It is our hope that by offering services over the telephone we will be able to reach men who are hesitant to seek in-person services and those who may not have services readily available in their areas. Those who would like more information should call Project ARIES toll-free, at 1-800-999-7511.

Thank you for informing your readers where they can find support in becoming sexually safer.

Candace K. Conte
Research Consultant
Project ARIES

Diversity Not Exclusion

Thanks to those transsexual activists and letter writers who have raised issues about the control of lesbian cultural institutions. Maybe the recent *SF Bay Times* exchange about expulsions at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival ("Transsexual Lesbians Urge Boycott of Michigan Festival," May 21) will encourage us to grow in compassion and understanding about gender.

After first reading Nancy Burkholder's story last year, I felt frightened and sad. It appears to me that many women successfuly experience female assignment and attribution their whole lives without a second thought. That seems to be a privilege. For others of us, the patriarchy has taken its toll in energy around gender control.

I am a female-born woman who has frequently experienced the oppression and shame of gender policing. Apparently, just by being myself, I cross too many lines of ambiguity. I feel that any transsexual woman who has struggled to achieve her legal, social and cultural female status, and is interested in the spirit of the festival, deserves acceptance, even special celebration, not exclusion and bigotry. I can only see this kind of diversity and awareness adding to the richness of the festival, not taking anything away from the rest of us.

Last December I wrote these sentiments in a letter to the owners of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. I have not received a reply.

Marie Kochaver
San Francisco

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Do you know a gay man or lesbian who is on a tight budget? The Gay Rescue Mission is looking for help to distribute a free selection of personal care items to those who need them most. This is Army surplus from the Gulf War, all good quality, in personal-sized lots. (Can you imagine Army standards for desert deodorant, for example?)

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Don Miesen, Chair
Gay Rescue Mission
San Francisco

Queer and Gay Are Not the Same

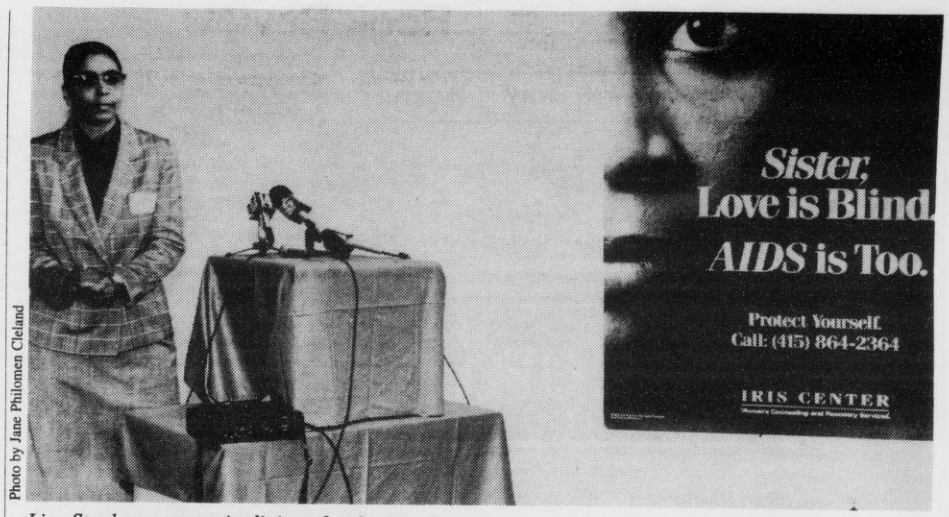
I noticed in Tommi Avicolli Mecca's "News Briefs," in your July 2 issue, that he mentions the United Way and the Boy Scouts, saying that it is Boy Scout policy to discriminate against "queers" and to require religious oaths.

In fact, it is stated Boy Scout policy to not allow *gays* in their organization, and your writer should not have represented their prejudice through his own sociopolitical agenda. It is gay-orientation (perceived, known or imagined) that is the issue, especially in this organization of males where gays are found far more often than queers. That constitutes a wider prohibition than would discrimination against queer-actualized outness, or queer-friendly visibility, "new" lesbianism, transgender outreach, bi-outreach/visibility and/or straight-queer/gay-friendliness, etc.—in other words, those defined by the word "queer."

The Boy Scouts are willing to discriminate against homosexuals, even if the person is conservative, closeted, assimilationist or Republican.

I'm sorry to nitpick on this, but I remember a time when *queers* demonstrated against and disrupted a Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco, 1991. Queers disrupting gays, you see. It was a defining moment in gay history in describing a new personality of sexual freedom and sociopolitical understanding that gets diluted everytime the word "queer" is used willy-nilly to replace "gay," as your writer used it.

Stan Maletic
San Francisco



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Lisa Stanley, community liaison for the Iris Center.

Why Hurt Animals?

Thank you, *SF Bay Times*, for your article on the gay and lesbian rodeo ("Homo on the Range," July 16). This rodeo is a disgrace to the gay and lesbian community. I can't imagine what kind of mind would find it entertaining to watch an animal being brutalized. The rodeo people say that the calf only feels pain for eight seconds. That's eight seconds too long. Animals aren't meant to be used as sources of entertainment, via exploitation, humiliation and domination. They are sentient beings with the capacity to feel pain and other emotions.

Clearly the main idea behind a rodeo is to show how man dominates nature. Look how much trouble this idea has gotten us into already, with the depletion of topsoil, the hole in the ozone layer and the destruction of the rainforests. Humans are only a part of nature. We do not own it. We need to learn how to live harmoniously with nature. The values that a rodeo teaches are quite the opposite.

I think it's a wonderful idea for people to get together, have fun, celebrate and raise money. But why hurt animals in the process?

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Jovial Aspects

You may have noticed already a plethora of choices and opportunities arising. Some of you (especially the mutable signs) may have trouble choosing among all the possibilities. Jupiter, traditionally known as the planet of good luck and adventure, is coming up to a trine—that is, a most harmonious angle—to Uranus and Neptune. These planets and the signs involved point to significant breakthroughs in medical technology and research. (In a few weeks Jupiter will also aspect Pluto, drawing these findings toward virology.) Churches and unstable governments will lurch toward further polarization. Scandals will fly about.

Jupiter, however, is not all freedom and truth. It can be excess and abandon. People with liver trouble should be especially careful to watch their diets and get plenty of rest. Addictive types can easily go overboard under these aspects.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Your work should be going very well right now, but your goals may yet seem unreachable. Try to understand the difference between *ideals* and *goals*. Oddly, you seem to be making your ideals very pragmatic and accessible, and your goals very dreamy and unreal. It should be the other way around. Talking this over with friends will help you put things into perspective. Your real friends right now will tell you the hard, honest truth that you probably don't want to hear. You don't have to decide right or wrong immediately, but hear them out and think about what they have to say. Even if they're off the mark, their perspective may give you some valuable insights.

TAURUS: Right now it seems you can hardly do any wrong. You're at the top of a career peak, getting all the recognition you deserve. You're being tremendously creative, especially in any artistic endeavor; you are experiencing spiritual insights and new perspectives. Now it all seems to be coming together in some wonderful assurance that your life is going where you want it, or at least offering you a strong sense of how to get it on the track. Despite your reputation for materialism, your spiritual faith is very strong these days and provides ways to integrate your fun, creative side with your career goals.

GEMINI: The stars show this to be an excellent time to build a dungeon in your home. Granted, that may be neither feasible nor desirable. Your mind has been even more abuzz than usual lately, this time reaching toward extreme depths and challenges. Some erotic experimentation could be in order, but you may prefer to take a more intellectual (or more *traditionally* spiritual) approach. Travel is tempting, but real wisdom lies at home these days. Your sign is famous for collecting books; now's a good time to read some of them. But try to read one all the way through before you pick up the next one!

CANCER: The whole business of sex and relationships has been rather confusing for you lately. Perhaps it's been the kind of confusion that you can recognize as a stage of growth. Nowadays you have a chance to look at these very irrational issues in a more logical, objective manner. Your feelings are always strong, but now they are relatively easy to articulate and analyze. But it won't be all logic and analysis! The chance to open up can bring laughter, tears, and perhaps greater closeness with the one who is most involved.

LEO: As money is coming in pretty well now, you can easily imagine yourself boosting your work and making even more. Perhaps you can even make that work out in reality. Your careful plotting and planning certainly has some merit, but you tend to let wishful thinking and willfulness overcome objective analysis. The best way to make your dreams come true is to work with a partner whom you can trust to help you work out the necessary, pragmatic details. It will take a lot of trust and a lot of willingness to abdicate from your throne as a control queen. *Happy Birthday: Jon Sugar, and John Siracusa!*

VIRGO: This is a perfect time to bring together your excellent working discipline and your recent surge of creativity. An artistic enterprise may now become a livelihood, or you may bring unbounded creativity to your workplace, initiating new techniques and brilliant innovations. In the latter case, you could tend to run over co-workers and irritate superiors. Try to involve them as creative co-agents. With a little planning, you are especially good at teamwork now, but it does indeed take planning! Fortunately, planning is what you do best. Thoughtful action will make you virtually unbeatable in all you do these days.

LIBRA: Blessings have been coming in disguise and you may be very hard put to recognize them. Right now you may get some inkling as to what promise these apparent disasters may hold. Rest assured there will be a wonderful payoff! There is great strength to be found either within your family religious traditions or in confrontation with those same traditions. It wasn't all bad; it wasn't all good. Sort, sift, synthesize; be creative and playful with the forms and rituals. Meditation can be a wonderful focus, helping you to see where you may find your strength and how to dispose of psychic garbage.

SCORPIO: Problems at home can now be resolved to some advantage. Ideas and concerns that have resisted articulation now gel and find expression. Don't feel that you need to be too logical, though. Feelings, impressions and allegory are as deserving of expression as logic and fact. Just be clear on the difference. Your friends will offer all the help you could want and then some! They may even supply enough good company to let the domestic stuff slide. Your company is at a premium, so you can decide whether to party out or work on the domestic issues.

SAGITTARIUS: Watch your mouth! Usually that's good advice if only because it gives such a good show. These days you have tremendous opportunities to advance your wealth and fame, but it depends on you saying just the right thing. You can hardly lose, but the question is: How big do you want to win? Be modest, helpful and attentive to those in authority. You can indeed do that without brownnosing. In fact, some supportive critical insight would be well-appreciated and well-rewarded.

CAPRICORN: Usually a rock of clear goals and steady ambition, your sign has been wavering, wiggling and waffling under Neptunian and Uranian influences. (Gemini George has no such excuse!) But Neptune brings spiritual depth, and Uranus creativity. Now you can gain some insights: a glimmer of where these long, slow changes are leading you. You may feel as if you're mutating, but you may well be evolving. Although it can be disconcerting, you retain a resilient core of values which will guide you through this process. You may be challenged to clarify your priorities, but take the challenge and you will find a guiding purpose to these changes.

AQUARIUS: Nietzsche once said that "Whatever doesn't kill me, strengthens me," or words to that effect. You've been pretty affected yourself lately, but find yourself very much strengthened. Although the challenge is not yet over, you can now see a light at the end of it, and perhaps realize that that light is a reflection of your own inner fires. Deeper self-awareness and a clearer sense of responsibility make your own strength clear to others. This draws responsibilities perhaps, but you know your own limits. Respect them and you can take advantage of new opportunities. Your newfound depth and compassion makes you good company for fun as well as for life's (sometimes profitable) challenges.

PISCES: Too much of a good thing brings out the best and the worst of your ambivalent nature. You are the toast of your company, much adored by those who surround you, but there is a nagging feeling that you need to be alone to take care of yourself. Silly fish! With careful scheduling you can find time to enjoy both society and solitude. A brief period of daily meditation can help you find the grounding center you need to arrange your time to best advantage. Your nature is to go to extremes, but now more than ever you should cultivate moderation.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming UP

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JULY 30 / THU

Rainbow's End, lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group, meets tonight, see 7/16.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA in Palo Alto. Topic: Bridging Generations. Info/directions: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome.

New Horizons Mtg: Social/support group for young adults in their 20s. Tonight's topic: Bisexuality today. 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members. 8-9:30 pm mtg time. Marin YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake. Info: 457-3523.

John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: *Closer to Home: Bisexuality & Feminism*—local contributors Brenda Blasingame, Susanna Trnka, Amanda Yoshizaki, Beth Elliot & Rebecca Ripley discuss their essays in this new anthology that focuses, "on the crucial intersection between ideology & reality." 8 pm, $3-10 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, Old Wives' Tales cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

JULY 31 / FRI

Avenue Dance Project presents two eves (tonight & 8/1) of modern dance to benefit "At Risk! The AIDS Education Touring Project Documentary." Performance features the work of Avenue Dance Project, Scott Wells Dance Co and Lynne Jassem/Rhythm Anonymous. At Risk! is a documentary video about an innovative & provocative approach to AIDS education for children & youth. Tonight: 7 pm reception, 8 pm performance, $25. Tmw: 8 pm performance, $15. New Conservatory Theatre Center, Theater 1, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 861-8972.

At the I-Beam: *Grotus*. 9 pm, $5. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret. Celebrated NY performer John Epperson returns to Josie's with his new drag, lipsynching tour de force. Runs thru 8/2 at 8 pm. Tix $12 Tues-Sun & Thurs; $15 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

"Get Lost (Again) Columbus," Opera at Pacific Grove, see 7/24 listing for details.

Women En Large: Slide show presentation & discussion of a book in progress, *Women En Large,* consisting of powerful pictures of nude fat women. Photographer Laruie Edison, writer Debbie Notkin, models Chupoo Alafonte, Carol Squires & Cynthia McQuillin. Cynthia sings songs from her song cycle about fat & body issues. 8 pm, women only. $6-8. Mama Bears. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Off the Wire: A presentation of ATA, in assoc with CityVisions Cable 25 & SFCTC—a tasty sampler of SF's most exciting & imaginative public access productions. Selections include "KUSF Presents E-Missions," the alternative soap, "Living Arrangements," and more. 8:30 pm, $3-5. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Poetry: Bucky Sinister reads from his work dealing with social decay & the bizarre & twisted tunnels of contemporary culture; street poet Sparrow 13 Laughing Wand reads tough & tender verse from urban Oakland dealing with the violence of sex, love & everyday life. 9 pm, $5. Part of the Spoken Word Savages series at the Elbo Room, 647 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

AUG 1 / SAT

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (merges briefly with 23rd), turning right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda & continue on Park thru town to Otis. Turn left on Otis, follow across bridge. Turn right onto Island Dr, and immediately right onto Veterans Ct. Meet 9:30 am at end of court. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Calm Water Fishing Trip with Sonoma BACW (Bay Area Career Women)—today's the deadline to register for this trip, see 8/9 listing for details.

"Golden Gateway to Gems," 39th annual show spons by the SF Gem & Mineral Society. Today & tmw at the SF County Fair Bldg, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, SF. 10 am-6 pm today, 10 am-5 pm tmw. Theme: "Wonders of Brazil." Show highlights the many colorful crystals, agates & other minerals for which Brazil is world renowned. Exhibits include hand-crafted jewelry, faceted gemstones, crystals, intarsia pictures, carvings, cabochons & mineral specimens from Brazil and around the world. Also demos of intarsia fabrication, faceting, jewelry making, carving & bead stringing, plus lectures by Si Frazier, author & mineral expert. Info: 564-4230.

Advanced Composting Wkshop spons by SF League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG): Free (to SF residents) wkshop for the experienced composter looking for a deeper understanding of urban home composting. 10 am-noon at Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave & Lawton, SF. Info: 285-7584.

Happiness Is A Choice: Gabrielle Borkan discusses how to use the Option Process, a method developed by Barry Neil Kaufman that shows you how to achieve personal empowerment & the freedom that comes with forgiving, loving & accepting yourself. 10 am-1 pm, $20. Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Cody's Books: Dolphintales storytelling for kids—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Making Herbal Oils & Vinegars Wkshop spons by SF League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG): Join gardener Denise Angel for a fun afternoon of herbal crafts. Bring two attractive bottles (pint size or smaller) with corks or caps to hold the beautiful, tasty creations you'll make in class (herbs, oil & vinegars provided). $16, pre-reg required. Class held at the SLUG Office, 2088 Oakdale Ave (off Bayshore, just south of Army), SF. Info: 285-7584.

CLOUT (Christian Lesbians Out Together) holds its quarterly gathering & potluck, "Beyond Dreams" today, 2-5 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. All out lesbian christians (terms self-defined) are welcome to bring a favorite percussion instrument & food to share.

Jazz Duo John Schott & Gigi Gamble at Daniel's Highland Cafe, 821 San Pablo Ave, Albany. 7 pm. Info: (510) 524-0157. No cover, no minimum.

GLAA (Gay & Lesbian Artists Alliance) monthly mtg/potluck: 6-9 pm at George Bailey's home, 301 Nevada St, SF. Please bring artwork to discuss and something to eat or drink. Directions/info: 824-2202.

Runway 1992: The House of ExtravaGAPA presents the annual Miss GAPA and Gay Asian Pacific Man Pageant & Ball. Includes performances by Miss GAPA 1991, Anne Judah and Mr. GAPA 1991, Jeffrey Andres, plus special guest appearance by Boy Toy Productions of Los Angeles. Celebrity judges include Margaret Cho, Leland Yee & Janice Mirikitani. Open bar & dancing. Tix sold at door, $15. Doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7:30. Miyako Hotel, 1265 Post St in Japantown, SF. Info: Dino 905-5752.

First Saturday 5th Anniversary Show: Produced by Tatiana & Company at the SF Eagle, to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Tatiana & Co have raised $32,781 to date for AIDS-related charities & service organizations in SF, thru their montly talent & drag shows. Tonight's bash includes performers Lady Bobette, Amber Glass, Cher, Eva Davis, Jealousy, Kitty Glamour and of course, the incomparable Tatiana. Lots of food, fun & a grand show—see you there! $10 donation requested. Info: 824-6444.

Comedy at Mama Bears with Maureen Brownsey & Karla Carmony. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Chanticleer **on Tour** Concert showcases the group's versatility. Two concerts: 8 pm, tonight and 8/7 at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Fillmore at Jackson St, SF. Tix $18 gen'l, $14 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 392-4400.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre presents an eve of monologues, skits, music & choreography to entertain, provoke & amuse, as well as challenge myths & attitudes about being fat in a thin-obsessed society. 8 pm, $8-15, tix available at door only. WA (Wheelchair Accessible) and SIGN. Free childcare with minimum of 72 hours notice, call (510) 653-6468. Please do not wear scents or perfumes. Laney College Theater, Oakland.

John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now It Can Be Lip-Synched" at Josie's Cabaret. Epperson concludes the run of his all-new & critically-acclaimed show telling the highs and lows of the glamorous star Lypsinka, tonight & tmw night, 8 pm, $15. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Benefit Concert for the constuction of the Tibetan Khachoe Ghakyil Nunnery spons by IMA (Institute for the Musical Arts). Rakugaki, contemporary music for koto & shakuhachi, performed by Helen Dryz & Kim Oswalt. 8 pm, $12. IMA Cultural Ctr, Bodega. Info/res: 876-3004.

The Eyes Are Back... A Benefit for Project Open Hand, Godfather Service Fund & Larkin Street Youth Center, featuring "the hip hypnotist," Miss Pat Collins, singer Juli Christie, the SF Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day Band and mistress of ceremonies Jack-E. 8 pm at Bimbo's 365 Club, 1025 Columbus St, SF. Tix at BASS. Info: 647-4849.

Mr & Ms Northern Calif Leather Contest: Doors open at 7 pm, contest starts promptly at 8:15. Emcees: Mr Steve Lesh, Mr Northern Calif Drummer 1989 and Ms Shan Carr, Int'l Ms Leather, 1988. Entertainment with comic Shan Carr & singer Lee Scarbourough, plus contestant fantasies. $15 floor/table seating, $10 balcony. Proceeds benefit the Lambda Center & Sacramento AIDS Foundation. At the Tuesday Club, 2722 L Street, Sacramento. Info: (916) 983-2870 or (916) 489-5656.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Night of comedy improv with Over Our Heads. 8:30 pm, $7-10 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info (408) 293-9372.

The Song & Dance Ensemble of Tibet perform tonight at the SF Fashion Center. 8 pm. Tix $15, $22, $25 (half-price for kids under 12). Info/res: 433-9500. A tour de fore of Tibetan singing, dancing, opera excerpts & musical compositions.

Onsite Dance Co performs as part of Theater Artaud's Summertime Dance Project. 8:30 pm tonight & tmw at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 621-7797.

Heavy Rock Night at Great American Music Hall with *The Melvins, Hammerhead* and *Grey Matter*. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info: 885-0750. 9 pm, $7.

Anti-Independence Day Party: Spons by IC (Int'l Cuisine Productions). Event aimed at ending the false glorification of Cristobal Columbus & dispelling the myth that anyone can discover a country when it is already inhabited. World & house music provided by DJ Magic D, with special suprise guests. Bring your instruments. Free hors d'oeuvres. Java House, Pier 40, next to South Beach Harbor, SF. Doors open at 9 pm, fun continues until 2 am. $5. Info/directions: 267-3129.

At the I-Beam: tribute to Frank Zappa with *Caca, Mouth* and *The Potato Eaters*. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Vitamin F, President's Breakfast,* and *Brown Falinis*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Danny Williams, Dave Ford & Sabrina Matthews. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 2 / SUN

Martin De Porress Soup Kitchen seeks volunteers for breakfast and lunch shifts, Call Abby or Charlie 552-0240 for info. 225 Potrero at 15th, SF.

"Golden Gateway to Gems," 39th annual show presented by SF Gem & Mineral Society—final day! See 8/1 listing for details.

Up Your Alley: The Leather Block Party of SF! 1100-1800 hours (11 am-7 pm) in Dore Alley, Folsom St btwn 9th & 10th, SF. All proceeds benefit The Living Room. See you there.

G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Attorney Mario Torrigino gives an update on estate planning for gay men—laws change fast, what you had set up yesterday may not be applicable for today—get info you need to protect your estate. Today's mtg also includes one of Romeo's renowned raffles & can recycling with Carlos. Call 552-1997.

The Women's Philharmonic & ODC/SF in a free program featuring music by women composers, choreographed by ODC/SF Artistic Director Brenda Way, and conducted by Karla Lemon. 2 pm at Stern Grove, 19th Ave & Sloat Blvd, SF. Info: 252-6252.

Salsa at El Rio with *Grupo Sinigual*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Bondage Party after "Up Your Alley" leather block party at Dore Alley (see listing), spons by Bondage Buddies. A social, hot tub, play party for men into bondage & leather. Also open to funtime partyboys. Special attractions with free masseur, bootblack & rentable slave. 4 pm until... ? $10. Info: 292-3228.

Vocalist Richard McGhee at the Club Chameleon. 5:30 pm, free. 853 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-9891.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) Mtg: Singers, comics & musicians welcome. Call 731-2424 for info/location.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Visual arist/writer Margaret Crane & *Mobius Stipper* author Bana Witt read new pieces at 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Free. Info: 431-0891.

Bisexual Women's Group meets 7:30 pm at Unitarian Church, 505 East Charleston, btwn Alma & Middlefield, Palo Alto. Topic: "Queer History & Queer Community Resources." Info: Susan 493-0406. Small donation requested.

At Black Oak Books: Jack Forbes, author of several books on Native American history (*Tribes & Masses, Black Africans & Native Americans, Aztecas del Norte* and others) discusses his new book, *Columbus & Other Cannibals: The Wetiko Disease of Exploitation, Imperialism & Terrorism*, dealing with "the disease of aggression against other living things, and the disease of the consuming of other creatures' lives &

Psycho Sexy Circus, a freaky fundraiser for Taste of Latex magazine, Aug 4.

Mark Davis performs with Suzy Berger at Josie's Cabaret on Aug. 7. Calendar has info.

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"Apple Pie With George and Jane," final performance Aug. 1 at the Richelieu Hotel, SF.

possessions." 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Post-ragtime blues with Leon Redbone, comedy with Tom Rhodes. 8 pm, $15 & $22. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.
John Epperson in "Lypsinka! Now it Can Be Lip-synched," at Josie's—final performance! See 8/1.
"Cristobal de Morales" Concert by Chanticleer: 8 pm tonight & 8/8 at Mission Dolores Basilica, Dolores & 16th St, SF. Info: 896-5866.
Onsite Dance Co at Theater Artaud, see 8/1 listing for details.
Pussy Galore at The Clubhouse: Live dancers & modern music for Women. Tonight & 8/9. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.
"Les Femmes," a Jazz Event for Women: 9 pm-1 am, $10. Features performance artist Dawn Rudd, live jazz by Jenny Ferris & her band. 139 8th St at Mission, SF. An event for women—don't miss!

Chanticleer performs at Calvary Presbyterian Church in SF on Aug. 1 & 7 and at Mission Dolores Basilica on Aug. 2 & 8.

AUG 3 / MON

Visual Dialogue: 2nd Int'l Conference of Visual Artists: Today thru 8/5 at SF State University's Seven Hills Conference Center. Spons by Artists Equity, the conference is part of an ongoing dialogue among artists throughout the world on arts issues. This year's topics include: Artistic Identity, Art & Technology, Public Art, Art & Peace, Multicultural Arts, Markets for Artists, Art & Ecology and Art in the 21st Century. For info/reg call 626-6808.
Gay Comedy Open Mike with MC Scott Silverman at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $4. Gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Tonight & 7/10, 17, 24 & 31. Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.
Sex & Porn: Video night at Red Vic Movie House. Tired of the same old erotica? Come to this program of "decidedly pornographic images" for women & men, queer & straight—lots of hot video including Annie Sprinkle's *Sluts & Goddesses, Hot & Safe, Vogueing*, GMHC's *GotstobeaDrag*, local lesbian porn, a masturbation piece from Pittsburg, and more. Two shows: 7:15 & 9:15 pm, tonight & tmw. 1727 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-8999.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! 7:30 pm. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
At Cody's Books: Author Bernie Zilbergeld, MD, author of the classic *Male Sexuality*, discusses his latest work, *The New Male Sexuality*, a look at old myths & new confusions, showing how sex today can be even better than our fantasies. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Public Liability Comedy Group perform live, all original scripted material. One funny skit after another, Monday nights, 8/3, 10 & 17, at 8 pm. Tix $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 398-1541 or 389-9443. On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, btwn Montgomery & Kearny, SF.

AUG 4 / TUE

Dining at Dotties: 5-course, five-star meal to benefit GCHP (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project). Dotties True Blue Cafe's owner-chefs Sal Govoso & Stefan Reilly serve a 5-course Italian dinner for 6 pm & 7:30 pm seatings. Tix $25. Drinks extra. Limited seating, early reservations encouraged. 522 Jones St, SF. Info/res: 575-3939.
"The Life & Times of Dion Fortune," talk by Rev Edmond Boles, co-founder of the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by African American artist/athlete Stan Stone. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294. 1229 Folsom St, SF.
Sex & Porn Night at The Red Vic: See 8/3 listing for details.
Psycho Sexy Circus: A freaky fundraising event featuring circus-style performances by author Susie Bright, neo-shaman Fakir Musafar, gothic glamor gal God's Girlfriend, she-devil/writer Danielle Willis, performance artiste Diviana Ingravallo, drag diva Pussy Tourette, porn-lit Goddess Carol Queen and fire dancing duo *Sweet Rose*. Plus sideshows galore by *USO* (Unidentified Sexual Object), DJ dancing with Downtown Donna and assorted Freaks-A-Go-Go. Doors open at 7;30 pm, show starts at 8:30 sharp. $10-20 SL fee. 650 Howard St, SF. Proceeds benefit *Taste of Latex*, an SF-based, ominisexual porn magazine featuring hot, adventurous, gender-bent, taboo-breaking material.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Bernard Weiner discusses his book, *Boy into Man: A Father's Guide to Initiation of Teenage Sons*, a hands-on manual for creating a coming-of-age ceremony for boys. Heidi Linsmayer speaks on mothers' contributions to the ritual. 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Latex stretched across bare skin, leather plied across a bare back, stiletto heels... Disciples of God's Girlfriend will attend her performance at The Taste of Latex release party tonight at 650 Howard (Howard at 3rd), SF. Doors open at 7:30 pm. S/he takes the stage at midnight. Other performers at this event include Danielle Hell Willis, Pussy Tourette, Fakir Musafar, Carol Queen, Divianna Ingravallo and Sweet Rose. *Taste of Latex* is a fetish/alternative human sexuality mag "for those that way inclined."
Global Riot, SF's only lesbian & gay comedy improv group, plays every Tuesday in August, 8 pm, $8. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Texas Songwriter James McMurty, with special guest *The Shams*. 8 pm at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.
At Cody's Books: Acclaimed crime writer Elmore "Dutch" Leonard (*Maximum Bob, Glitz, Killshot*) reads from his newest book, *Rum Punch*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

AUG 5 / WED

Lunch Bunch Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) for frail, homebound members. 10:30 am today & 8/19. Info: Ruth 626-7000.
Free Theater Classes offered at Rest Stop, a Center for people with HIV/AIDS concerns, and their friends. Beginners & advanced welcome. Ongoing classes, Wednesdays, 2:15-4 pm. Call Bob 621-1361 or Rest Stop 621-1701 for more info.
Men's Discovery Discussion Group meets 2:30 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Topic: "As a Gay Man, Are You Ageist?" Group led by George Birimisa. Info: 626-7000.
Course in Miracles: Ongoing study group promoting personal & spiritual growth, spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Potluck & movie about the origin of the Course. 7-9 pm. Newcomers welcome! Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.
Passing, Packing & Pissing: Female to Male Gender Play: A discussion/demo with Mike H & Sky Renfro. Gender play can be an occasional, casual scene or the beginning of "real life" changes;Mike & Sky discuss the practicalities & mindset of this type of play. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Info: 550-7776.
The 12 Steps & the Medicine Wheel: Tony Robichaud discusses the 12 Steps as an ancient & universal teaching and their correspondence to the Native American medicine wheel. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
Irvin Yalom, author of *Love's Executioner*, reads from his new book, *When Nietzsche Wept: A Novel of Obsession*, the saga of the imagined friendship between Freud's mentor, Josef Breuer, and Friedrich Nietzsche, whom he attempted to cure of suicidal despair in 19th century Vienna. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Benjamin Alire Sainz reads from his new book of short stories, *Flowers for the Broken*, which focuses on the lives of Mexican Americans in the Southwest. 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
SF Hiking Club monthly mtg: See slides from recent Club trips. If you've got slides to show call Clyde Wahrhaftig 285-1260, to get on the program (bring 5-10 slides to meeting). 7:30 pm.
Female Ejaculation at A Different Light Bookstore: Reading/discussion with staff members of *On Our Backs* magazine. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
The Seven Year Itch starring Marilyn Monroe: A screening on the actual 30th anniversary of Miss Monroe's earthly exit, a benefit for the Academy of Friends Charities Fund for AIDS Relief. 8 pm at the Kabuki Cinemas, 1881 Post at Fillmore, SF. Tix at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 647-4477. Includes post-show reception.
In A Doll's House: Memory, Myth & Reality—seminar taught by SF artist Amanda Krugliak. Explore women's creative process & the dynamics of love between men & women, thru an evening of imagery, text & performance. 8 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
At the I-Beam: *Undercover Ska* and *Def Fx*. 9 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.
Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret. "The court jester of the gay community," is back with an all-new, one-man, two-wristed comedy show, a hysterically-funny scatter-shot monologue about his life since the late eighties. 8 pm, $10. Plays Wed-Sun, tonight thru 8/16. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Faster Pussycat Alternative Dance Club for Women—with DJ Downtown Donna. Tonight & 8/12 at The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

AUG 6 / THU

"Oklahoma" Trip for People with AIDS/HIV: Shanti Activities Program invites people with HIV/AIDS to attend Peninsula Civic Light Opera's production of "Oklahoma" at San Mateo Performing Arts Center. Free. Info/res: 777-2273.
ZZA's Trattoria & Chappellet Vineyards team up for a benefit for The Center for AIDS Services: ZZA's (552 Grand Ave, Oakland) and Chappellet Vineyard will contribute 100 percent of each dinner check to The Center, the Eastbay's largest AIDS service agency. ZZA's waiters also will be contributing their tips. All-day event, 11 am-10 pm. Info: (510) 839-2308.
Rainbow's End youth group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, ages 22 & under. 5:30-6 pm drop-in for first-time visitors, 6-7:30 pm group time. Info: 457-3523 (leave message) or 457-1115. Tonight & 8/13, 20 & 27.
Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) Business Mtg: 7-9 pm. Call Sharon 453-9317 for location/info.
At Modern Times Bookstore: John Harrington discusses his new book, *Investing With Your Conscience: How to Achieve High Returns Using Socially Responsible Investing*. 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Friends &/Or Lovers," Debbie leads a discussion on what happens when you sleep with friends. Call Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260 for info. All women are welcome!
At Black Oak Books: Author Naomi Wolf discusses her book, *The Beauty Myth: How Images of Beauty Are Used Against Women*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Men's Sexual Secrets Unveiled at Good Vibrations: Workshop for women only, "Adam's Secrets Unveiled," led by sex educator & surrogate Cheryl Cohen. Advice on how to approach men without making them bolt, handling sexual requests that make you uncomfortable, encouraging whole body eroticism, what to do when he shows up & his erection doesn't, and more. 7:30-9:30 pm, $20. Pre-reg required. Call 550-7399 for info. 1210 Valencia St nr 23rd, SF.
New Horizons young adult group for lesbian, gay & bisexual people ages 22-29. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first time visitors, 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-3523 (leave message) or 457-1115. Tonight & 8/13, 20 & 27.
"Tony & Tina's Wedding," benefit performance of the hilarious send-up of an Italian-American wedding ceremony & reception (the audience plays the role of guests). $60 tix includes supper, champagne & cake, proceeds benefit Shanti Project. Ceremony begins at 8 pm at First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts, SF, the reception is held at Kensington Park Hotel. Call Elaine Jennings at In Any Event, 584-3354, for tix info. Spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program, call Mark Fantone 777-2273 for info.
Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author, lectures on "Detachment: How to Stay Centered." 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. WA. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.
At Cody's Books: Don Novello (aka Lazlo Toth aka Father Guido Sarducci) reads from his new book, a collecton of letters to the corporate egos & political peacocks of the '80s & '90s, *Citizen Lazlo! The Lazlo Letters Vol II*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: RA Sasaki, winner of the 1983 American Japanese National Literary Award, reads from her first collection, *The Loom & Other Stories*, plus new material, and also discusses the process of writing. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, the cultural events series of Old Wives' Tales. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.
At Great American Music Hall: KKSF welcomes *Vital Information* with Steve Smith, Tom Coster, Frank Gambale & Jeff Andrews. 8 pm, $13. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.
Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/5.
At the I-Beam: *Handsome Poets*. 8:30 pm, $5. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.
Club Ebony: Live entertainment, DJ dancing, soulful food, complimentary champagne, ladies night at Trixie's. Tonight & every Thursday, 10 pm-3 am. 2007 16th St at Utah, SF. Info: 626-9596.

AUG 7 / FRI

Russian River Leather Wkend: Today thru 8/9. Includes motorcycle run, crafts fair, title holder contest, masquerade ball, leather fashion show, live performance by Vicki Shepard & more. MCs Mr Int'l Leather '92, Lenny Broberg and Ms Int'l Leather '92, Blair. Host Resorts: Fife's (707) 869-0659, The Woods (707) 869-0260 and Camelot (707) 869-2538. For more info call St Clair Adams (415) 364-1915.
17th Annual ACC Pacific States Craft Fair: Today thru 8/9 in Ft Mason Center's Herbst & Festival Pavilions (Pier 2 & 3) in the Marina District, SF. Largest juried crafts fair on the West Coast features 325 of the nation's top craft artists exhibiting an eclectic array of innovative handmade work. Hours: 11 am-8 pm today, 11 am-6 pm tmw, 11 am-5 pm on Sunday. Admission: $6 gen'l, kids under 12 are free. Crissy Field parking & shuttle buses to Ft Mason are both free of charge. Food & drinks on sale at Fair. WA (Wheelchair Accessible).
Female Law School Leadership: Herma Hill Kay, the first female dean of the University of California Law School at Berkeley, keynotes a luncheon address as part of the annual convention of the National Association of Women Lawyers. Noon, $39. Pan Pacific Hotel, SF. Dean Kay speaks on female leadership in legal education, focusing on Miriam Theresa Rooney, the first female Dean ever to head an American law school. Info/res: Virginia Mueller, (916) 446-3063. **Carol Orsborn**, author of *Inner Excellence*, discusses the connection between spirituality & business. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
Bay Area mystery writer Marilyn Wallace reads from her new book *So Shall You Reap*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Come let go of the week & your work, bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! 7:30 pm. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. No scents, please. Call 665-1912 BEFORE today for location & directions, for other info call 821-4009.
Irish Traditional Favorites at Great American Music Hall with *De Dannen* and special guest Tony Davis. 8 pm, $12.50. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.
Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/5.
Chanticleer on Tour Concert: See 8/1 listing for details.
At the I-Beam: *Fungo Mungo* and *Dizzy Bam*. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.
Comics Mark Davis & Suzy Berger team up for a night of laughs at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. 10 pm, $8. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 8 / SAT

Russian River Leather Wkend '92—see 8/7 listing for details.
Jewish Lesbian Writing Wkshop: Safe

parents & kids box

Kadimah Open House: 8/16, 2-4 pm. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav welcomes everyone to an open house for its Kadimah Religious School program. Come find out about the Congregation's unique, warm & wonderful school program for kids (kindergarden thru Bar/Bat Mitzvah). Lots of art, music & fun for kids while they bond with each other & increase their understanding of Judaism. 220 Danvers St at Caselli (upper Market), SF. Info: 861-6932.
Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Single moms are welcome! Eastbay & SF mtgs. Call Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711 for info.
Lesbians With Babies Group forming in San Francisco. Call Paula 206-1170 for details.
Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies & more thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope, and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway around the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.
Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 8/1: Lisa Klein & Jeff Karon of Dolphintales present a traditional storytelling of *Can't You Sleep Little Bear?* 8/22: Walter the Giant Storyteller tells new tales to kids & their parents. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Storytime at the Art Museum: 8/15 at 11 am. Cody's for Kids celebrates Family Day at the University Art Museum in Berkeley. Walter the Giant Storyteller reads your kids favorite books, followed by program of activities for the whole family. 2621 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Storytime on the Upper Terrace. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Sharon Art Studio offers a variety of classes for kids, youth & adults: Glass, beading, Indian beading, ceramics, drawing, life drawing, watercolor, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Call 753-7006 for info. Located next to the Carousel in Children's Playground, near Bowling Green & tennis courts, Golden Gate Park, SF.
KidsSings: Program by Schola Scantorum. Hosted by Sally Treadway. $1 for parent & child, 50 cents for each additional family member. 8/3 at 7 pm, followed by Schola's presentation of Faure's *Requiem* and Durufle's *Requiem*. Childcare is free. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Mountain View. Call 903-6000 for tix & other info.
Green Stuff! Day Camp spons by University of California Botanical Garden: Mon-Fri, 8/3-14. Week-long programs for children on the wide world of plants. Kids enjoy plant games & stories, learning about plant/animal relationships, gardening & more. 8/3-7 session for 5-7 years, 9 am-2 pm. 8/10-14 session for 8-11 year olds, 9 am-3 pm. Cost: $100 per child. Pre-reg required. call Nancy Swearengen (510) 642-3352 for details.
Napa Town & Country Fair: 8/12-16. Noon-midnight. Traditional & contemporary arts & crafts displays, special games & attractions for children. At the Napa Valley Expo, 575 Third St, downtown Napa. $6 ages 13 & up, $3 ages 6-12 & seniors over 60. Info: (707) 253-4900.
Golden Gateway to Gems: 8/1 & 2 at Golden Gate Park, SF. See Main Calendar listing for details.
Music Time in the Grove: 8/9, noon-12:45 pm. For kids 1-8 years old, accompanied by one or more adults. Free. Trocadero Clubhouse, Stern Grove, 19th Ave & Sloat Blvd, SF. Info: 252-6252.
Marco Polo Festival & Treasure Hunt: AIDS fundraiser, see Main Calendar listing. 8/8.
Sonoma County Fair: 8/1, noon-10 pm. Ten hours of traditional folk music & dance in the Redwood Arena, Santa Rosa. Opens with a children's concert by Jim Corbett, followed by a Family Dance with Barbara Coole-Richman, accompanied by the *Acme String Ensemble*. Tix $5 adults, $2 kids, kids under 6 are free. Info: (707) 838-4857.

place to explore & express our unique experiences as Jews and as lesbians. Offered by Judy Freespirit, writer, poet & teacher. Exciting, fun day for all levels of experience. Eastbay location. For info/res call (510) 540-5504.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go East (uphill) past tennis courts, botanical gardens, & the Lawrence Hall of Science. Take sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg (sign is on left). Meet 9 am in parking lot. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Windy Hill Open Space Preserve Hike (San Mateo County) with SF Hiking Club: Hike starts at the parking area at the junction of Alpine Road & Willowbrook Drive, winds mostly uphill thru first-rate oak, madrone & Douglas fir forests, with occasional scenic views. Total hiking distance: 7 miles, 3.5 miles each way. Total elevation gain: 1400 ft. Bring lunch, water & sunscreen, plus hat for shade. Poison oak is common on trail. Roundtrip auto travel: 80 miles. Cost $8 per car, to be shared among passengers. Meet 9:30 am at the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF, to carpool. Info: Larry 826-3489 BEFORE 10 pm.

Organic Gardening Basics: Wkshop spons by the Ecology Center. Gardener Chris Clarke tells you everything you need to know to start gardening organically. Straightforward, practical advice. 12:30-2:30 pm, $5. No one turned away for lack of funds. Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-2220.

Recovery, Self-Discovery & the Zodiac: Caroleigh Tomlinson leads a workshop exploring the 12-Fold Array and its rhythms as an archetype, or sacred design. Astrological Step-Study concepts & take-home materials provided. Bring your birth chart if you have one. 2-5 pm, $10. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Maro Polo Food Festival & Treasure Hunt: Benefit for Project Open Hand. Splendido Mediterranean Restaurant, Harbor Village Restaurant & Scott's Seafood Grill & Bar host this celebration of culinary excellence, with cooking demos by their executive chefs, as well as by Martin Yan of "Yan Can Cook" and Stanley Eichelbaum, editor of the *Open Hand Celebration Cookbook*. They jointly create a 10-course banquet to be held at Harbor Village Restaurant at Embarcadero Center, SF. Event includes live music throughout Three & Four Embarcadero Center, plus silent auctions, a Silk Route Treasure Hunt, and drawings for prizes, including free trips for two to Bangkok & Hong Kong. Everyone welcome! 3-6 pm. Festival tix $15 adults, $5 kids under 12, banquet tix $50 per person. Info: Embarcadero Center 772-0633. **At A Different Light** Bookstore: Readings by contributors to *The Black Book*, an information guide to sexual 'zines, fetish parties, laytex wear, and more. 4:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Act of Intimacy: Performance piece by Debbie Moore at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. 5-10 pm, $6.

Girth & Mirth Club of SF, club for chubby gay men & their admirers, presents their "1st Annual Underwear Party," call 824-0260 for info.

Southbay LSG (Lesbian Social Group) holds its August potluck at 7 pm at Carol's home in San Jose. Newcomers welcome! Call (408) 251-3134 for info/directions.

Monica Grant Concert at Mama Bears: Solo night
of music & comedy. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Bay Area Writers Wkshop presents a reading with acclaimed poets Wanda Coleman, Joy Harjo & Mary TallMountain. 8 pm, $5. Reception follows reading. Laney College Theater, Oakl. Info: (510) 430-3127.

"Cristobal de Morales" Concert with *Chanticleer*, see 8/2 listing.

Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/5.

Multi-instrumentalist/composer Jeff Greinke in concert at New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info/res: 626-5416. 8 pm, $6.

"The Cold Hard Cash Variations," by choreographer/performer Jon Weaver, part of the Summertime Dance Project series at Theater Artaud. 8:30 pm tonight & tmw. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

At the I-Beam: *The Dinosaurs* and *Blind Tom*. 9 pm, $10. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Motown Dance at Great American Music Hall with *Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra*. 8 pm, $9. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

Common Threads: *Stories from the Quilt*—Academy Award-winning documentary tells the story of five people from different walks of life who are commemorated in the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, with original music by Bobby McFerrin. 9:30 pm, KQED Channel 9.

Bi-Friendly Night Out SOMA Dancing! Meet 9:30 pm at Cafe San Marcos, 2367 Market St, SF for drinks, then it's over to 177 Townsend at 10:30 pm for dancing till the wee hours. Info: Charles 626-8879.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *33 Degrees, Hungry for More* and *The Rayn*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Marilyn Pittman, Maria Falzone & Karen Ripley. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 9 / SUN

Calm Water Fishing Trip spons by Sonoma BACW (Bay Area Career Women): Spend a sunny day trolling the calm & scenic waters of Carquinas Strait with BACW. $44 plus $5 for rod (includes 1st tackle set up), only 20 spaces available, register by 8/1. Call Lorell (707) 935-3973 for reservations, departure time & other info.

Russian River Leather Wkend '92: See 8/7 listing for details. Final day!

Windy Hill Open Space Preserve (Hamms Gulch Trail, San Mateo County) Hike with SF Hiking Club: Meet 9:30 am at the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF, to carpool. Hike winds mostly uphill thru first-rate oak, madrone & douglas fir forests, with occasinal scenic views. Total roundtrip hiking distance: 7 miles, 3.5 miles each way. Total elevation gain: 1400 ft. Warning: poison oak is common along this trail. Info: Larry Maxwell 826-3489 BEFORE 10 pm.

Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

Live Sound Reinforcement Wkshop taught by Dave Scott Millington. Spons by IMA (Institute for the Musical Arts). A start-to-finish look at what a live sound engineer's job entails. 1-4 pm, $35. IMA Studio, Bodega. Info/reg: 876-3004.

Cuban Music at El Rio with *Cubanacan*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Terri De La Pena reads from *Margins*, her novel on love & loss in the Chicano community. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Potluck dinner 6 pm at 708 Guerrero St, SF. After dinner, presentation on handling equal employment & benefits issues. Info: 285-0910.

Lesbian Midlife Support Group meets in SF at 6:30 pm. Topic: What are your hopes & desires for this new support group?" Newcomers welcome! Social hour follows. Info/location: 922-7690.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Poet Elba Sanchez reads from her new collection, *Tallos de Luna/Moon Shoots*. 7 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets today. Singers, comics & musicians welcome, call Jon 731-2424 for info/location.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "From High Heels to Passion: A Businesswoman's Journey," Local activist Karen Dorch discusses her journey from a 14-year career in finance to publishing *The North Coast Green Pages*, Sonoma County's resource guide to environmental businesses. Talk includes practical tips on how to bring eco-feminism into your daily life, and how to manage career transitions. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

At Black Oak Books: Irvin D Yalom, MD, reads from his first novel, *When Nietzsche Wept*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

R. McGhee sings at the Chameleon, Aug. 2. Check Calendar for details.

Mexican Lesbian poet/writer Victoria Alegria Rosales, MFA, reads from her collection of surrealistic poems at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/5 listing for details. Don't miss!

"The Cold Hard Cash Variations" at Theater Artaud, see 8/8 listing for details.

Pussy Galore: Live dancers & modern music for Women, see 8/2.

AUG 10 / MON

Business Leaders AIDS Update: SF AIDS Foundation sponsors an update on the changing face of the pandemic, for SF business leaders. Opportunity for corporate representatives to get an update on care, treatments, legislative changes & outreach efforts, presented in simple, non-medical terms, so that they may continue to respond effectively to AIDS issues in the workplace. Event hosted by Chevron. 11 am-2 pm at the Chevron Building, 575 Market St, SF. 40th floor. Registration required at Chevron Security Desk upon arrival, to ensure your place on the guest list call 550-1650 in advance. Info: SF AIDS Foundation 864-5855 ext 2563.

Reading/Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Includes potluck supper. 6:30-8:30 pm. 77 Waller St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with MC Scott Silverman. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Bi-Friendly SF meeting—see 8/3.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Lower East Side literary light Darius James reads from his new novel, a subversive send-up of racist stereotypes, *Negrophobia*. 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At Black Oak Books: Ingrid Newkirk, executive director and co-founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) discusses her new book, *Free the Animals: The Inside Story of the Animal Liberation Front & Its Founder "Valerie."* Fascinating story of Valerie's transformation from a law-abiding police officer to an underground activist leading daring raids against university & military animal research laboratories, and battling the FBI. A moving account of how one woman's conviction led to action & positive change. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Public Liability Comedy Group at On Broadway, see 8/3.

AUG 11 / TUE

Shanti Art Show: Exhibit of art works by people with HIV/AIDS & ARC. Show runs thru 8/13 at Shanti Project, 525 Howard St, SF. Info: 777-2273.

Hands-On Recording Class with June Millington. Millington de-mystifies the goings-on in a recording studio while offering students an opportunity to engineer and/or record their own music. 2-8 pm, today thru 8/14, $250. Spons by IMA (Institute for the Musical Arts). IMA Studio, Bodega. Info/reg: 876-3004.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Ida Rae Eglis, editor of *No Rooms of Their Own*, reads selections & signs copies of her book, a chronicle of women writers' experiences in early California. 6:30 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"There are many paths of consciousness in Dream Interpretation," a presentation by Errol Jones at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294. 1229 Folsom St, SF.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus mtg: 7 pm at the First Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary, SF. Newcomers welcome! WA. Info: Kuwaza (510) 465-9671 or Lani (415) 821-3534.

At Black Oak Books: Author William T Vollman reads from his new work of fiction, *Fathers & Crows*, the story of the spiritually charged wars of belief between the French Jesuits & the Iroquois Indians in 16th-18th century Canada, and his nonfiction book, *An Afghanistan Picture Show*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Issues for Bottoms Wkshop with Carol Kleinmaier. Discussion focusing on various issues including: What is so alluring about physical & emotional vulnerability? How can you differentiate between pushing limits & abuse? How do you decide what your limits really are? Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Peter Lanborn Wilson, Islamic scholar, author of *Scandal: Essays in Islamic Heresy* and an editor of "Semiotext(e)," reads from his works and other essays on radical political theory. Richard Loranger, author of *The Orange Book*, performs his monologue, "Mother Will Fuck Again Soon." 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Allan Terl discusses sections from his new book, *AIDS & the Law*. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Cody's Books: Author Greg Mitchell discusses *The Campaign of the Century*, his acclaimed study of Upton Sinclair's campaign for the governership of Calif in 1934. Republican forces, terrified at the prospect of a Socialist reformer running the state, took unprecedented measures to undermine Sinclair's campaign, tranforming America's electoral process forever, and giving rise to the commonplace "media campaign.". 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Global Riot at Josie's, see 8/4.

AUG 12 / WED

Sonoma BACW Dines Out: Today's the deadline to register for Greek cuisine brunch with Bay Area Career Women—see 8/16 listing for details!

Older Lesbians Drop-in Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-2 pm. Bring a bag lunch. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Free Theater Classes offered by Rest Stop Center, see 8/5.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm tonight & 8/26 at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Course in Miracles Group spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) meets 7-9 pm tonight & 8/19 & 26. Study group promoting personal & spiritual growth. Newcomers welcome! Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

Interrogation Wkshop with JC Collins. Demonstration class. Interrogation is a challenge game, a psychological contest between an insistent top & an evasive or deceitful bottom. JC discusses strategies & safety, then conducts an interrogation. Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

The Important Words Are Recovery & Family: Timmen Cermak, MD (author of *A Time to Heal: The Road to Recovery for Adult Children of Alcoholics*) explores a new concept of the family, one which illuminates the myth of autonomy & addresses how a family as a whole can work a program of recovery. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Adam Fortunate Eagle, a Chippewa resident of the Fallon Indian Reservation in Nevada, discusses his book, *Alcatraz! Alcatraz! The Indian Occupation of 1969-1971*. He gives a passionate, humorous & personal account of Indian families removed from their homes, Indian groups holding pow wows in city parks, Indian students risking their lives for the Alcatraz cause. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

SFJCC's Meet the Authors Series features Bernie Zilbergeld in a discussion of his new book, *The New Male Sexuality*. Booksigning reception follows presentation. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Martin Sprouse discusses his new book, *Sabotage in the American Workplace: Anecdotes of Dissatisfaction, Mischief & Revenge*. 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

SF Hiking Club Planning & Board Mtg: 7:30 pm at John Reed's home, 491 Chestnut St, Apt 3 (corner of Powell), SF. Info: 989-3369. Business, supplemented by refreshments & conversation. Everyone welcome!

Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/5 listing for details.

Homey con Bolsas, an adaptation by Michael Garcia of Ionesco's *Man With Bags*. An exploration of human consciousness and spirituality, police brutality, racial, cultural & sexual identity. Multi-ethnic cast. Plays tonight & 8/20 at 8 pm, $6-10 SL fee. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Faster Pussycat at The Clubhouse, see 8/5.

At the I-Beam: Members of *Ministry, Revolting Cocks, Killing Joke*, Chris Connelly, *Final Cut*. 9 pm, $5. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

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AUG 13 / THU

"Many Tongues, One Voice," is the theme for the Third International Convention for People Who Stutter. Today thru 8/16 in SF. Hosted by the National Stuttering Project, the nation's largest self-help organization for people with chronic stuttering problems. Attendees include members of self-help groups from 15 countries including Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, Norway, Italy, Frande, Germany & Poland. Workshops on various topics including: "A workshop for gays & lesbians who stutter," "The importance of a sense of humor," "Does stuttering hinder you from dating?" "Will my child stutter?" and more. Info: 566-5324

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Today & 8/27. Info: 626-7000.

Rainbow's End youth group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 22 & under meets tonight, see 8/6 listing.

At Black Oak Books: Mystery writer Marilyn Wallace reads from her latest novel, *So Shall You Reap* and Gillian Roberts reads from her new Amanda Pepper mystery, *I'd Rather Be in Philadelphia*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

At Modern Times Bookstore: "Afra-Worninspirit," a multimedia performance & workshop with NY womin-spirit/vocal-transformer Suhir (Mut Sekhmet) and Afragoddess revisionist Asungi. 7:30 pm, $5 donation. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

New Horizons young adult group for lesbian, gay & bisexual people ages 22-29 meets, see 8/6 listing.

At Cody's Books: Women & Voting Issues Panel. Panel of local contributors & consultants from *The Women's 1992 Voting Guide* discusses voting issues that affect women. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Author Anna Livia (*Minimax, Relatively Norma*) reads from her translation of "the best of Natalie Clifford Barney," entitled *A Perilous Advantage*. This is the first English translation of this collection of Barney's work. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, the cultural events series of Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Texan folksinger/songwriter Townes Van Zandt. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm, $9. Info/res: 885-0750.

Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret. "The court jester of the gay community" is back with his new one-man, two-wristed comedy show, a hilariously funny, razor-sharp look at life & politics from this gay comic, SF School Board member & dad. Show runs Wed-Sun thru 8/16. 8 pm, $10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Anna Livia (*Minimax, Relatively Norma*) reads from her translation of a collection of Natalie Clifford Barney's work, *A Perilous Advantage*. 8 pm, $3-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Choreographer Scott Wells and the Scott Wells Dance Company present two evening length concerts (tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm) at Theater Artaud, part of the Summertime Dance Project. Tix: $12. Info/res: 621-7797. 450 Florida St at 17th, SF.

At El Rio tonight: Dover-Improv Comedy—9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Club Ebony—see 8/8 listing for details. See you there!

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: Photographs by Paul Strand on exhibit thru 8/16. "Masterpieces of 19th Century Photography from the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/1. "Expressions of Place: The Art of William Stanley Haseltine, thru 9/20. "Viewpoints XVIII: Frank Lobdell," works by the abstract expressionist & Bay Area teacher; thru 9/27. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "Typologies: Nine Contemporary Photographers," work by Bernd & Hilla Becher, Lynne Cohen, Judy Fiskin, Candida Hofer, Roger Mertin, Thomas Ruff, Edward Ruscha & Thomas Struth, on exhibit thru 8/23. "Jackson Pollock: Psychoanalytic Drawings," on exhibit thru 8/30; 40 works drawn from a total of 83 drawings Pollock submitted to his analyst during psychotherapy sessions between 1939-1940. "Robert Rauschenberg: the Early 1950s," thru 8/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

SF Art Institute: Paintings by David Reed on exhibit in the Walter/McBean Gallery thru 8/15. 800 Chestnut St, SF.

SF Camerawork: "Travel Documents," exhibit of work by Karen Atkinson, Ed Grazda, Renee Green, Susan King, Tseng Kwong Chi, Jin-me Yoon, Susan Mabel Maney, Deborah Small, Elizabeth Sisco, Scott Kessler, Louis Hock & David Avalos. Thru 8/22. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Art Lick Gallery: Jenna Bates' "Voodoo Dollhouses," Jerome Caja's "Tailand Collection," and recent paintings by Clancey Cavnar. Thru 8/16. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Legacy of Boris Deutsch: A Centennial Exhibition," paintings & mural sketches by this 1930s-'40s Calif artist. Thru 9/20. "Survivors," ceramic sculpture by Andree Thompson Singer. Ceramic figures & ceramic-and-brick "chimneys" commemorate the Holocaust. Thru 9/20. "Images," calligraphic art conveying a spiritual quest, by Edna Miron-Wapner. Thru 9/20. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Brian Weil: The AIDS Photographs," thru 9/8. "Ansel Adams & the National Parks," exhibit of Adams' legendary photos made in American nat'l parks & monuments, thru 9/6. "Works by Lorna Simpson," thru 9/27. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Visions of the Floating World: the Cartoon Art of Japan," thru 9/5. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

Circle Gallery: 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.

Circle Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.

Soft Touch Gallery: 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.

Eye Gallery: "Shooting Back: A Photographic View of Life by Homeless Children," on exhibit thru 8/15. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Thurs noon-7 pm, Fri-Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 922-0706.

Footwork Gallery: "Fearless Gaze," exhibit of photos by John B Davis (1964-1992). 8/1-31, opening reception 8/15, 6-8 pm. 3221 22nd St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Mon-Sat, or by appt. Info: 824-5044.

New Langton Arts: "The Abortion Project," a collaboration by Kathe Burkhart & Chrysanne Stathacos, exhibit features works on female gender issues & reproductive rights, by over 30 artists. Opens 8/4, runs thru 8/29, artist's reception 8/4, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

Robert Koch Gallery: Conceptual photographic work by Oakland artist Jeff Norman, on exhibit thru 8/15. Also group show with works by Zeke Berman, Eric Blau, Lois Conner, Nina Glaser, Lynn Hershman & Shari Lamanet, thru 8/15. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122

Vision Gallery:"Outside the Dream: Child Poverty in America," a photo-documentary by Stephen Shames describing the struggle of children living homeless & below the poverty line. Exhibit runs thru 9/5 at Vision Gallery, with a lecture by the artist on 7/30 at Eye Gallery (1151 Mission St, 8 pm, $5). 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Classical Chinese Furniture," 8/29-11/1. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Richmond Art Center: New Russell Herrman installation, "Sun Sails," on exhibit thru 9/13 in the Courtyard. Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

SF Camerawork: 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: Works by 5 Bay Area painters: Kent Bond, Long Nguyen, Frances McCormack, Leslie Straw & Wendy Sussman on exhibit thru 8/7. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.

The Jewish Museum: 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

KBBK Studios: Paintings & monotypes by Diane Fredericks, Dorothy Rossi & Linda Zupcic. 8/6-15, opening reception 8/9, 2-5 pm. Hrs: 3-6 pm Thurs, 2-5 pm Fri & Sat, and by appt. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.

Pro Arts Gallery: 461 9th St, SF. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Paintings & sculpture by Grace Lin on exhibit thru August at World Institute on Disability, 5010 16th St, Oakland, Ste 100. Info: (510) 763-4100 voice/TDD.

John Pence Gallery: "Major Works," paintings & sculpture by several artists. Thru 9/5. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Morphos Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9:30 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

Robert Dana Gallery: Summer group show of paintings by John Mancini, Sarena Rosenfeld, Patricia Torres & Dan Samborski. 8/1-30. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Thurs & Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sun, and by appt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "California Objects Untitled," large scale poly verethane and oil pigment paintings by Sean Krier. On exhibit thru 8/15. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sun or by appt. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Ghia Gallery: Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.

MACE Space for Art: New work by Linda Simmel. Oil on canvas, pastel on paper, thru 8/31. New work by Travis Somervile. Oil on canvas, mixed media on paper, 8/6-9/5, artist's reception 8/6, 5-8 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

"Recent Black & White Male Nudes," photo exhibit by Steven Baratz at Sweet Inspiration, thru 8/3. 2239 Market St, SF. Info: 863-3353.

"Artists Against the Blockade," a multimedia exhibit by local artists expressing support for the right of Cuba & its people to self-determination & national sovereignty. Works by over 20 artists on exhibit thru 8/14. La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 620-0290.

Church Street Gallery: "A Fall from Grace," new paintings by Matty Gilreath. Opening reception 8/2, exhibit runs thru 8/22 at Church Street Gallery, Just Desserts, 248 Church St, SF.

Exhibit of Oil Paintings by Debra Walker. Thru 9/6 at Gordon Biersch, 2 Harrison St at Embarcadero, SF. Info: 552-6594.

Paintings, Ceramics, Drawings & Collage by Anthony Michael Valentino, an artist who died of AIDS in December, on exhibit thru August at Josie's Cabaret. "Gathering for friends, lovers & art lovers," on 8/9, 4-6 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

on stage

My Fair Lady, Lamplighters Music Theatre celebrates its 40th anniversary with its most ambitious project to date. Plays Fri and Sat at 8:30, Sun at 2:30 thru 8/9 at Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk, SF. All tix $23. For info call 752-7755 after noon.

Sex, Drugs & Apple Pie, solo show written & performed by Dorothy Anton. Uses satire, voice mail and "the woman next door" in an outrageous exploration of modern dilemmas. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, thru 8/15. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs, $8 Sat matinees. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary St, SF. Info/res: 775-8672.

What Fools These Mortals Be by Fred Curchak. Curchaks' solo performance of "What Fools These Mortals Be—Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream Revisited," a Theatre of Yugen production. Curchak uses the Bard's immortal comedy to explore a variety of contemporary issues including repression, artistic self-censorship and sexual obsession. Performances at 8 pm, Fri & Sat 7/31 & 8/1, 8/7 & 8 at Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St nr Alabama. Info/res: 621-0507.

The Shrew, Charles Marowitz's macabre comment on gender roles, adapted from Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." Plus Sam Shepard's sci-fi cowboy comedy, **The Unseen Hand**. Double bill runs Fri & Sat 7/31-8/1 at Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St at Hampshire, SF. 8 pm curtain time for "The Shrew," 9:45 pm for "The Unseen Hand." Tix $10 for double bill, $6-10 SL for single program. Info/res: 824-2682.

The Professional by Dusan Kovacevic, translated by Bob Djurdjevic. World premiere of English version of this tragicomedy by Yugoslavia's most popular playwright. Upstart Stage production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 8/2. Tix $12.50 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. North Beach Repertory Theatre, 2801 Leavenworth (at the Cannery), SF. Info: (510) 527-3123.

Fred Astaire in Rehearsal, a new show created by Michael Smuin and Daniel Levenstein, featuring the music of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and others. Runs Wed-Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 3 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 8/2. At Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Tix $10-15. Info/res: 989-9132.

Psycho: the Musical by Wayne Buidens, with original music & lyrics by Mark Sargent. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm in August. Closes 8/31. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 626-KILL, 398-1541.

The Cemetery Club by Ivan Menchell. Humorous & poignant story of how fate, love & memories change the lives of three Jewish widows. River Repertory Theater production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 8/15. Jenner Playhouse (behind the gas station & store), coastal Hwy 1, 20 min west of Guerneville via Hwy 116. Tix $8 Fri & Sat, $6.50 Thurs. Info: (707) 865-2905.

SF Mime Troupe opens their 30th year of free programs in the parks with "Social Work: An Election Year Fantasy." It's early November, 1992, and the cops are baffled. Someone is snuffing the Bad Boys, all those rotten guys who are looting America. Whodunit? Make sure you catch the show and find out! Call 285-1720 for schedule info.

Light in the Village by John Clifford and **The Voice of the Prairie** by John Olive. Performed in repertory by Harvest Theatre Co. "Light in the Village," chronicles brutal collision between progress & tradition as the leaders in a third world village adopt a horrifying version of American culture. "The Voice of the Prairie" is about progress & tradition "woven through the magical ether of American radio." Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 8/8; Sun 8/9 at 7 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. Sun performances are pay-what-you-can. Ehrer Theatre, 225 Geneva Ave, SF. Info/res: 563-1431.

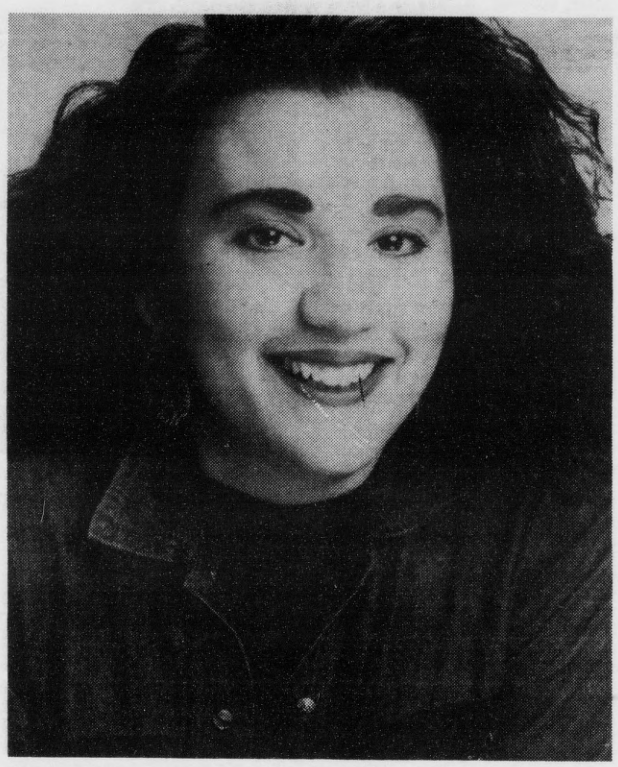
Tabu Road Repertory Theater looks at class, race, the African American male & the nature of reality with two one-acts, **Morocco Blues**, the story of an American airman in post WWII Morocco, and **41 Black**, about an African American architect who discovers the difficulty of finding & keeping the African side of his nature. Runs thru 8/2 at 8 pm, fri & Sat at 2 & 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Tix $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs. Lisser Hall, Mills College, Oakl. Res: (510) 430-3308. Info: (415) 641-4020.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Musical designed & directed by Wayne Buidens, produced by J2M Productions. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Open-ended run at the Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St nr Mission BART Station. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576, and at BASS.

Striptease by Slawomir Mrozek, a black comedy in which a Giant Hand exposes the slavishness of two functionary clowns, and **Dog Party** by Don Bajema, a piercing look at how American fascism perverts American family. Above Brainwash Theater production. Runs thru 8/1 above Brainwash, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 863-7035.

The Thundering Herd new improv acting troupe with Bill Bohnam, Jack Boulware, Ed Crasnick, Cameron Galloway, Ian Hadley & Katie Hickman. Showtimes Wed at 8:30 pm thru 8/26 at Holy City Zoo, 408 Clement St, SF. Tix $5. Info/res: 386-4242.

Double Bill by the Julian Theatre & Tale Spinners Theater at New College. See **Big City Down**, the Tales Spinners' piece about multiethnic, multicultural teens in SF and **Charlie**, the Julian's absurdist comedy by Slawomir Mrozek. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 & 7 pm, thru 8/9. 777 Valencia St, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 626-8986.



Maria Valzone appears at Gay Comedy night at Josie's, Aug. 8. See Calendar for info.

American Theater Center, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Tix: $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Sat. Info/res: 751-2600.

One of These Days by Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi. The Honeymooners meet Queer Nation—Frank & Ted's parents were the squabbling characters on a 1950s TV sitcom, now Frank & Ted carry on the family tradition as roommates in SF's gayest neighborhood. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, thru 8/22. Tix $10. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Weekend by TM Day. Play focuses on 4 women, 3 days, 2 passions and 1 overriding theme—the witty, often irreverent & sometimes erotic language of women together. Previews 8/11-13 at 8 pm, runs 8/14-16, 8/20-23, 8/27-30 & 9/3-6 at 8 pm. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 441-5706.

The Krewe of Neptune by Anne Galjou. Original one-woman play, a sensual, earthy & spooky tale of bayou country. Julia Morgan Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat, thru 8/2 at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Rice & beans on Thurs. $2 discount for seniors & students. 2642 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA or BASS.

Making A Name for Ourselves: Actors Anonymous extends this play, a close & unflinching look at Asian-American stereotyped images & how they affect or destroy identity. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, thru 8/2. Asian

West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Sondheim. UC Berkeley's Dept of Dramatic Art presents 12 performances of this musical classic. 8/6-23 at Zellerbach Playhouse. Tix $14-$8. For showtimes & other info call (510) 642-9988.

Tony 'N Tina's Wedding: Open-ended run of this Broadway hit about a fictional Italian-American clan in a hilarious wedding send-up that enlists the audience as singing, dancing, drinking & eating guests. Tues-Fri at 7:30 pm, Sat at 2 & 7:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 6:30 pm at First Congregational Church, First & Mason Sts, SF. Reception follows immediately at the Kensington Park Hotel, 450 Post St, SF. Tix $45-$55 includes supper & dancing. Info/res: 392-4400.

M Butterfly by David Henry Hwang. Winner of the Tony Award, a brilliant exploration of love & politics. Drama tells the story of a French diplomat's relationshiop with a glamorous Chinese opera star who is eventually revealed to be a spy—and a man. Theatreworks Production. Previews 8/13-14, opens 8/15, runs thru 9/6. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, corner of Castro & Mercy, Mountain View. Tix $12-$22. For showtimes & other info call 903-6000.

Prisoner in Your Own Home four short plays in revolving repertory by Amy Freed, Val Hendrickson, Brian Lohmann, John Wilk & Brenda Yungeberg. SF Theatre Project production. Runs Thurs-Sat thru 9/4 at 10:30 pm. Climate Theatre, 292 9th St, SF. Tix $7.50. Info/res: 626-9196.

Don't Even Think of Parking Here by Ian Shoales. The Marsh presents the return of Shoales' hit one-man show. Runs Thurs-Sun, 8/6-16, at 8 pm. Info/res: 641-0235.

Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka, adapted by Steven Berkoff. In this adaptation, Gregor Samsa, the commercial traveler who awakens one morning to find himself transformed into a gigantic dung beetle, is no longer a lost, alienated soul consumed by the terror of living, but is instead the martyred victim of a greedy, parasitic society symbolized by his father. SF Theatre Project production. Opens 8/7 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sun thru 9/5. Climate Theatre, 292 9th St, SF. Tix $10-$15. Info/res: 626-9196.

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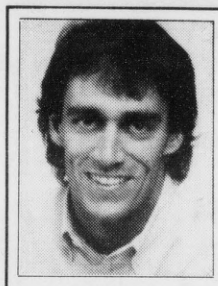

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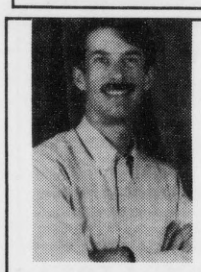

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

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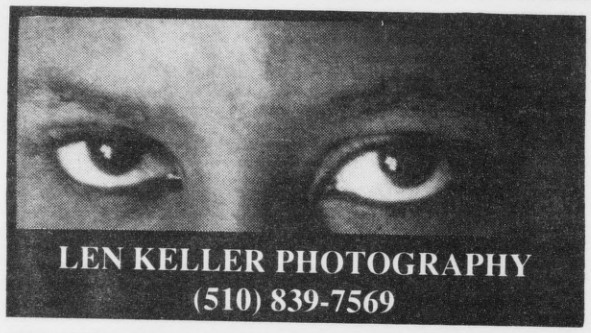

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Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

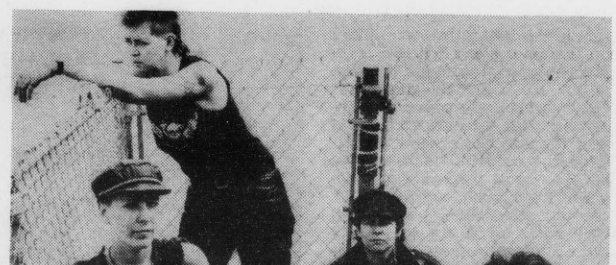
Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV + Support Group spons by All Saints Parish. Wkly group for all HIV positive persons. Fun, relaxed, informative, supportive, spiritually-oriented (but no set doctrine or church membership required). Tues 7:30 pm. Facilitated by Judith Dunlop, pastoral associate. 1350 Waller St, SF. Info: 621-1862.



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San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits. running errands. and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling,

education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV + people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in group/class led by a registered dietician. 2nd Fri of each month. 5:30 pm. Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Al-Anon ACA Lesbian/Women Mtg in Pacifica: Tues at 7:30 pm, Pacifica Community Center, Hwy 1 at Crespi Dr. Info: Beverly 359-6364.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA): 12-Step group meets Sun 6-7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 105. Info: Brian 821-1008.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm, 1st Tues of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Bi's Over 40: Group for bisexual women & men over 40. Info: Maggi 584-0172.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

BATWA (Bay Area Theatre Workers Assoc) welcomes applications for the 7th Annual Edith Lew Award. The award is given to a theatre company that: (1) uses paying contracts for local theater workers and (2) commits to non-traditional casting. $1500 award. For more info write to BATWA Administrative Council, 1811 Marin Ave, Berkeley 94707 or call (510) 525-2597. Deadline: August 15.

Anything That Moves: *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality, a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on sexuality & erotica. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24*, SF 94115 for guidelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

Seeking Butchness: *Taste of Latex* editor Lily Braindrop and *Girljock* editor Roxxie seek submissions to *Dagger*, an anthology dedicated to celebrating butch women. Butch-positive fiction, non-fiction, graphics & photos are welocme. You don't have to be butch to submit entries. Interested writers & photographers should send SASE to Dagger, PO Box 2587, Berkeley CA 94702. Deadline: 9/15.

Frameline accepts applications for its 1992 Film/Video Completion Fund. The Fund aims to provide financial assistance to lesbian & gay film & videomakers in the last stages of production. Grants of up to $5000 are offered to artists working in any format or genre. For guidelines & other info contact Frameline, PO Box 14792, SF 94114. Deadline: 10/15. Awards announced on 12/15.

Touch Press seeks submissions to an anthology of erotic writing for & by women. Send your most polished short prose, furtherest from the mainstream & closest to your favorite body parts. Poetry considered, but prose preferred. Send SASE to Touch Press, 1075 Treat Ave, 94110.

Sex Is... Documentary film by Marc Huestis & Lawrence Helman dealing with gay male sexuality is in its final stage of post-production & seeks gay historical memorabilia from national & international sources—home movies, still photos, videotapes, parade footage, old physique magazines, newspaper clippings, cocktail napkins from gay bars & other miscellaneous itmes as well as historical material from any era showing gay male couples, rituals, same-sex weddings, bars, bathhouses, rallies, marches, parades, college frats & military photos, fairie gatherings, porno theatres, vintage porn, etc. All material considered. For info contact Larry Helman 863-3226.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night: Every Sat night, 6-10 pm at Pacific Cetner, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Scrabble, Boggle, Pictionary, Taboo, cards, etc. BYOG (Bring Your Own Game). Everyone welcome! Info: (510) 548-8283.

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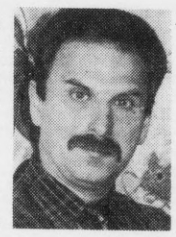

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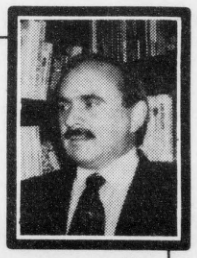

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► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Environmental Health Network: Nonprofit provides support, advocacy & referral for people with illnesses caused or aggravated by toxic chemicals (allergies, asthma, autoimmune diseases, chronic fatigue, etc). Voicemail: 541-5075.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Women, Books & Brunch: Women's Book Group welcomes women for fine dining & stimulating conversation. Meets once per month to discuss books by women authors & eat foods inspired by their tales. Call Karen (510) 841-6553 for details.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Stephen Shames exhibit, "Outside the Dream: Child Poverty in America" at Vision Gallery thru Sept. 5. See Galleries for info.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: "Empowerment Through Writing," monthly support group for women, using writing as a medium to share our lives as survivors. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. Must be respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.

Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English,

with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.
Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & LITERARY ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts. "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Artist Support Group: For all creative artists, including writers & musicians. Networking, plus occasional mtgs. SF location. Call Steve 756-8431.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & committed to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.
Cocoons: Social/networking group for culturally diverse emerging painters seeks people committed to their artwork. Info: 431-8045.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Chairs & bed available at mtg, 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.
LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects) invites women to participate in art workshops & projects. Eat, drink & be creative. Call Pamela Barnes (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.
Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.
IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.
Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.
Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.
Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.
FOCUS (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
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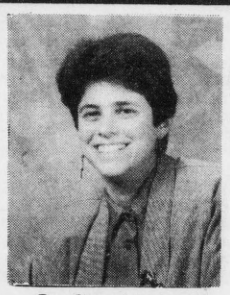

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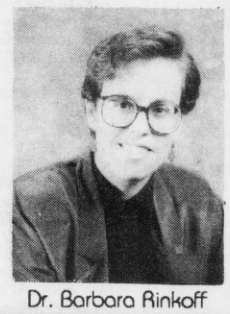

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Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

SF BANGLE meets the 3rd Sun of each month. For more info write PO Box 460545, SF 94146.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

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Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Monthly gatherings for women who enjoy good food & conversation. Info: 658-9389.

Lesbian Friday Night Group: Meet 1st Fri of month for relaxed conversation around a good vegetarian potluck dinner & delicious dessert! Watch movies, plan outings, etc. Lesbians only. Couples & singles welcome. Berkeley location. Info: (510) 559-8355.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: Jeff 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.

Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

Gay Spirit Drumming Circle meets at 194 Church Street, SF for a celebration with dancing, drumming & meditation. Info: Bob 456-1108.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info to write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Info: Julian 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics meet every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 7 pm at 424 Monte Vista Ave (corner of Oakland Ave), Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Jon Weaver's dance performance, "Cold Hard Cash Variations" at Theatre Artaud Aug 8 & 9. See OnStage for details.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Unity Religious Science Center: An educational outreach ministry serving the lesbian & gay community. Classes & credentials offered for licensed practitioners & ordained ministers. Write 405 El Camino Real, Ste 330, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

Astrology Playshop: From beginning to intermediate. Personal charts, current events & humor. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at 3 pm. Everyone welcome. Call David (510) 845-5034 or Chandra (510) 559-8355.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes

who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
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Swimming: SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Club invites swimmers of all ages, races, genders & abilities to enjoy the benefits of competitive and non-competitive swimming. Meets, lake swims, parties, int'l gay aquatic events, preps for the '94 Gay Games. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Call 467-4705 ext 4 for times, locations, & other info.
Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.
Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players. Info: Linda (510) 540-7540.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
Eureka Valley Rec Ctr in the Castro offers free adult programs for everyone: Mon—women's basketball, square dance. Tues—badminton, wrestling club, folk dance. Wed—women's night! Basketball, volleyball, square dance. Thurs—free-play basketball. Sat—men's volleyball, Sun—men's volleyball & men's basketball. For time, to donate exercise equipment, or for other info call 554-9528.
Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.
Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.
Eastbay Gay/Bi Sports Players Social Group: Free, informal competition. All levels, ages, genders, races, welcome. No regular attendance commitment. Choice of softball, basketball, volleyball, football, tennis. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.
Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness—See Performance/Literary Arts.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Support/social group. Discuss & share info about living with mild MS. Info/location: 626-2216.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Women's Career Support Group: Share practical solutions to career & money issues in a supportive environment. Meets every other Tues, 7-9 pm. Mid-Peninsula location. Info: 508-1290.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Leaderless Support Group for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 922-7690.
Working Class Lesbian Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.
Gay Men's Support Group: Tues eves in SF. Self-led group deals with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment & open to sharing in a structured setting are welcome. Info: Greg 626-1197.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already has children? Is is not your chosen lifestyle? Discuss issues, get mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkelev. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 827-4077.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
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SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.
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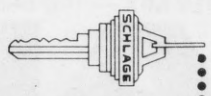

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The Ministry of Margret

On the day the Ministry album hit the stores, my boss at work (the fabulous Ironwood Cafe) let me leave the line mid-shift, change out of my cute little chef outfit and run down to Reckless Records to buy copies for a few of us, including himself. Upon return from the record store, we broke a staunch rule in the workplace and played it in the kitchen as loud as possible without disturbing the dining room's Ella/Opera/Jazz. It wasn't loud enough. I'd have to wait to blast it, but I could tell I really loved it. From the opening cut, "N.W.O.," with the looped sample of our president repeating, "New World Order," right up to the bombastic Wagnerian black mass metal march of "Psalm 69," you know this is one fucking evil disc, driven by hatred, sarcasm, amphetamines, full-throttle debauchery, and an abysmal world view. These are a few of my favorite things.

My co-worker and I started getting all excited about seeing Ministry at the upcoming Lollapalooza Festival. We picked our favorite songs from the new release, and it should come as no surprise that my fave is called "Just One Fix." I've been jonesing for another Ministry show since their last appearance in SF. It was one of the greatest rock events I've ever witnessed. My best friend Margret went with me and pulled me into the fiercest slam pit I've ever done. It was beyond exhilarating. She ended up with a big bruise in the shape of a handprint on her ass. I ended up with handfuls of much more and a new sense of mayhem that six or seven rock guitars can muster up.

BULLIES ON THE BEAT

When I got a pair of tickets for the Lollapalooza, an all-day multi-band bill at the Shoreline, I had to invite Margret... besides, she has the car.

As that Sunday approached, I noticed that Margret hadn't returned my calls about our plans. Eventually I got a message from her saying I'd be jealous of where she'd been the past two days... in jail! I tried to reach her and finally got through, but at a busy moment that allowed her only enough time to say, "I hope my car can make it to Shoreline. The police had to smash it up trying to run us off the road to stop the high speed chase I was involved in."

"High speed chase?" I responded incredulously.

"Ninety miles per hour... I can't talk now."

"Were you driving?"

Click.

I wondered what could have happened to inspire this sort of gangster behavior. I finally got another message on Saturday night confirming our meeting place and time, saying, "The car will make it down there just fine and not only will I be right behind you in the pit, I bought special new lingerie for the event. Let's crawl! See ya!"

Margret arrived on Sunday morning to a roomful of curious friends all with one question: "Why the fuck were you involved in a high speed car chase?" With a fiendishly delightful grin and a yelp, she replied, "It was that boy!"

She then gave the capsule version of her madcap adventure. She recently met a torrid new beau who races motorcycles. She let him drive her car and, when he committed a minor traffic infraction and the cops tried to nab him, he decided to run for it. More cops joined in the chase, ultimately sideswiping Margret's car to stop it. Margret and her beau were both pulled out of the car and thrown to the pavement, with guns at their heads. The guy was beaten with sticks while he gazed at Margret and made kissy faces. Margret was threatened with sexual abuse, repeatedly called a "fucking bitch," and accused of smoking crack because the police found a pot pipe and a piece of foil (probably from a burrito) in the car. After being beaten some more and thrown into cells, Margret was left alone with her new wildman, who said to her, "I'm so glad we fucked first."

Photo by Marc Geller

The indomitable Margret, sans bruises.

Upon release she bailed him out of the clink.

And there she was, Sunday morning, looking great, wearing bruises like badges of honor, confiding in me that they weren't all from the cops, willing to drive and asking for medication. What a trouper. Margret is not only the best date possible for the Lollapalooza, she's a walking Lollapalooza—always has been.

BIKINI OF THE 90s

Soon we were there and someone in a parked car in Section E said, "What are you looking at, faggot?" Dumb question of the day. What the fuck do you think I'm looking at? I'm looking at your perfect Marky Mark Nation pecs; then down your reptilian furrowed abdomen to the waistline of your boxers; then I imagine committing an act you've heard a lot about lately—it's called sodomy in some states. Yeah, sodomy isn't just buttfucking, which I also think about doing to you, depending on how hard and buff you are and what size dick is swinging in those long, baggy shorts. Maybe I'll think about you sodomizing my butt. Every time I see those nude torsos—and even *I* was overwhelmed by the number of times—I think of all of that and more. Therefore, I think congratulations are in order. The nude-to-the-waist male torso *is* the bikini of the '90s. The steady stream of them present proved far more interesting than the first three bands, which I missed in favor of the flesh parade. Besides, it's hard for me to rock in the sunshine.

THE SHOW

Shoreline sells no cigarettes, and that totally sucks. I ran out of smokes on the way down, so for the entire day Margret bummed them from guys for me (and bless her heart, she never once handed me an icky menthol). Beer cost $4.50, which seemed expensive for a street fair, which is what the area surrounding the main arena seemed like. Lots of stuff to buy, information tables, bungee cord jumpers, an alternative music stage featuring local acts and a few surprise appearances by a rap group or two, lots of expensive food, fake tattoos, a big metal sculpture to beat on with sticks, etc. I saw a couple of ATM machines and was furious that, while I could pay my credit card bill at the Lollapalooza, I couldn't get a fucking pack of smokes there.

Margret and I spotted two celebs milling about: Perry Farrell, the organizer of the event, and Flea,

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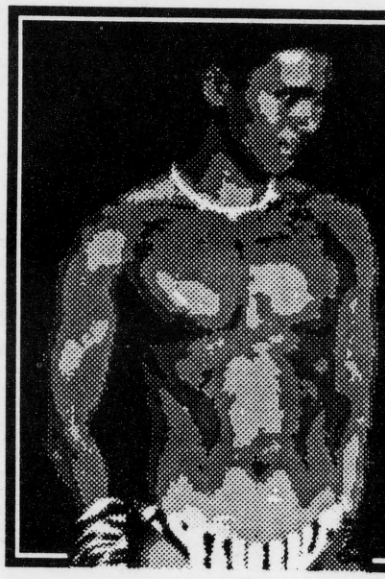
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the Red Hots' bassist. Later, from our seats, we saw Ice-T walking down the main aisle, attracting some autograph hunters. Margret waltzed over to meet him and a BGP security goon (not Ice-T's security men) said, "Show me a ticket stub or go back to your seat, you fucking bitch." Just like a cop.

The first band we watched was Ice Cube, an L.A. rapper formerly of N.W.A. who would like to kill police. Hitting the stage with a posse armed with fake guns and a DJ spinning on top of a giant skull, death and oppression by police violence became the first real issues dealt with by an artist on that main stage. Mentioned right away was the difference in the way police treat white and Black men. Margret, attentive to a band for the first time that day, was dancing away as I said to her, "Hey Margret, the cops treat you like a Black man!" She touched a bruise or two and nodded in agreement. I wondered why this tour didn't include an all-female band or an openly gay artist in the lineup.

The introduction of such issues to a $30-per-head, 95-percent-white crowd was juxtaposed intermittently with far too much hokey-pokey audience participation crap. "Everybody in the house say 'Ho'," "Wave your arm like this," "People on the lawn say 'Ho'," "People in the seats say 'Ho'." When they got to a sound-off between the fellas and the ladies, I thought this was similar to a high school pep assembly cheer competition between the classes, to see who wins the spirit stick. How odd considering that Ice Cube is mostly about the police stick and how completely up the ass and upside the head it lands on urban Americans, particularly Black males. The odd combination was like writing a serious proclamation in disappearing ink—it negated the message.

When Ice Cube asked the crowd, "Do any of you fellas know a girl who's nice and sweet as can be, but the minute her mom leaves you alone she's down there sucking your dick like that?" I considered the huge issue of sexism and misogyny in rap music. It was fine earlier hearing Ice Cube mention, "Tipper Gore is a fucking whore," but was this OK? I glanced over to Margret in time to see her thrust a fist in the air with a hearty scream of delight and I decided to turn off my PC monitors for the day. I love Margret, and let's hear it for the guys who are "down there sucking your dick like that." Yeah, right.

Next up was Ministry, our main reason for attendance. Near dusk and on into the night (leader Al Jourgensen agreed to this tour only if they didn't have to play in the daytime, saying, "I'm not a picnic sort of guy, really.") there was a purity of purpose, conveyed adamantly. They were there to rock the masses hard enough to hurt, maintaining their pessimistic world view with a dark, evil celebration of raw raging aural power in the face of powerlessness and inevitable destruction. So there and "So What?"—the title of their song that best sums up the feeling I'm trying to describe.

Oddly enough, Ministry's set conjured up literary comparisons in my mind. The row of six scary guys with guitars—a few with cowboy hats—a vocalist screaming into a microphone stand camouflaged by a post-harvest teepee of dead corn stalks, and two large sculptures made of bones and metal flanking the stage, brought to mind for some reason the blunt, desolate Southern Gothic darkness of Flannery O'Connor. When one crew member (possibly a visitor from the group Skinny Puppy) crawled on the stage like an attacking reptile, whipping his head furiously, he looked like a creature one would encounter in the steamy caverns of a Turkish bath in a Paul Bowles short story.

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The lighting was simple. When the band flew into white-hot mode, so did the lights, illuminating the entire arena and thousands of people, displaying a forceful unity for the first time of the day based simply on the music. Imagine, all that fuss without any audience participation games, or the word "Ho" being used. Speaking of hos, I looked behind Margret and myself and noted that our dancing (and Ministry) had the first three rows of teenagers directly behind us scared to death. Smells like teen complacency. Margret and I just smelled, perhaps like a holding cell or shower room in juvee. Eau de Linquent, our favorite scent.

I then spotted a zealous fan dancing through the main aisle, perhaps overwhelmed by Ministry, beer and acid. Security people treated him like an angel-dusted drug psychotic with superhuman strength. Four security guards moved in and fucked him up and threw him out in a storm of swinging flashlights, headlocks and ripped clothing. Perhaps he was endangering his own and other's personal safety, but it didn't look like it warranted such a savage response from four people, one of whom was the fat pig-man who called Margret a fucking bitch. Isn't this shit *not* what the multicultural, alternative, earth-aware, hippie bazaar called Lollapalooza is supposed to be? Perry Farrell's original brainchild was a good one, but the best way to describe my feelings about the Lollapalooza are, in the words of Ministry, "So what?"

We left about four songs into the Red Hot Chili Peppers' set, tired of their dickheaded funk and Anthony Keidis' in-your-face attempt at the gold medal in the Butt Olympics Decathlon, sponsored of course by Spandex. It paled in comparison to those two hot guys in the parking lot whom I watched changing clothes between vehicles on our trek back to Margret's battered car.

PC PARANOIA

Driving through the parking maze, I remembered the many anti-gay sentiments I'd heard earlier when I stood by the ACT UP information table inside the festival, so I decided to blow a kiss to every boy I made eye contact with on our slow procession to the freeway. If they were within earshot I also hurled a man-size sexual taunt, like, "I'll blow you for a smoke, dude," or I'd just whistle. Suddenly my PC monitor flicked on, charged by guilt as I contemplated the fact that I was verbally abusing strangers from a moving vehicle. Was it OK that I was doing it? If you want to get technical, was I being a pig, resembling the very people who oppress me almost daily? Hmmmm. Then Margret saw a parked police car, and a wave of fear and anxiety swept through her so instantly and vividly that I felt it, and it felt like the truth. I spotted the next desirable young stranger in a car approaching and caught his eye. I rolled the window down, blew him a kiss, yelled, "Work my butt," and hoped with all my might that his dad was a cop. Let's talk about dad's biggest fears. We made it home without an arrest.

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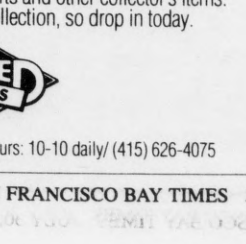

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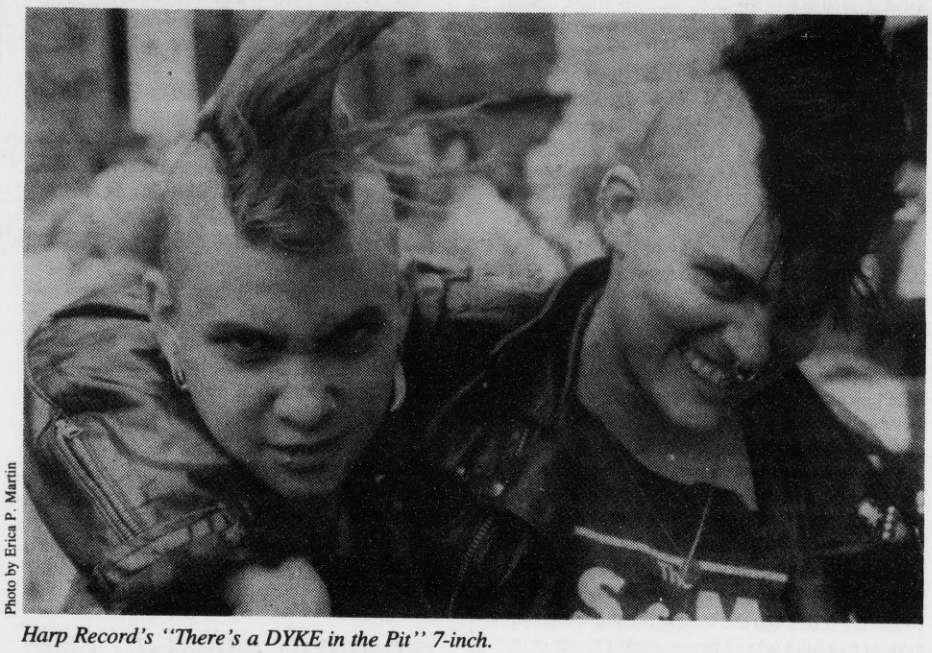

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Harp Record's "There's a DYKE in the Pit" 7-inch.

I'm always on the lookout for new acts, in addition to keeping an ear to the ground for new material by my favorite artists. This is the beauty of compilations, which are cost-effective for both the listener and the record companies. New and established artists sometimes turn up on benefit records and soundtracks, too. Finding lesbians (at least out ones) is rare, but it does happen. So, here's my salute to those recordings that bring together disparate artists: compilations, soundtracks, and benefit records.

Get Out, Sire

Sire collaborated with *Out* magazine to produce this promotional CD, which is only available with a subscription to the magazine. It features 17 tracks with some real goodies. The men outnumber the women by far, but you still get divas Deborah Harry and Danielle Dax, as well as up-and-coming artists. I was as intrigued by the backstage politics of getting the artists and just what it meant for them to be on the record. For the most part, we'll have to speculate. But, let it be known that Morrissey, Erasure, Marc Almond and k.d. lang are on the record.

This is supposed to be the first compilation benefiting a gay publication. So, what is Sire up to here? I asked Sire VP Howie Klein about the record company's reasoning. "You want me to say 'gay something,' right?" he asked. He went on about "upper demographic gay audiences," blah, blah, blah. He did allow that Sire would never do a benefit record for the Republican National Committee, due to "hatred, violence and viciousness." Says Klein, the company is happy "if we can do something to help any group that's a victim of discrimination lift themselves out of all that bullshit." Ultimately, though, "This is a way to sell records."

The record company views the CD as a way to mix artists the gay community likes (Morrissey, lang) with some newcomers. "If Meryn Cadell winds up as a star as a result of this, I feel it's money invested wisely," said Klein. In fact, Cadell (who contributes the loopy "Being in Love" to *Get Out*) is one of the more oddball finds of the CD. You can also hear another of her deadpan spoken pieces, "The Sweater," on Live 105.

Klein said the artists chose their songs, some, like Lou Reed and John Wesley Harding, with a specific gay theme in mind, and some not. Book of Love's "Boy" is the amusing complaint of a girl who wants to "be where the boys are, but I'm not a boy." Lang's "Miss Chatelaine" was chosen, though, because it was scheduled to be the next single. So, not everything is meant to be a message, but I'd be the last one to discourage subtext readers.

Say What U Want, Mercury

It's a sad day when America's youth gets its political edification from the likes of Cinderella, but that's the case with this compilation benefiting Rock the Vote. Mercury is donating $1 from every album sold to support voter registration drives and "generate public awareness of First Amendment concerns." This explains why Phranc is sharing space with Tears for Fears. Well, they say politics makes strange bedfellows...

But seriously, this is an odd mix. Of the 14 tracks, only three are by women: Phranc, Michelle Shocked and Vanessa Williams. So, we have a Jewish lesbian folksinger, a former part-time lesbian (Shocked just got married) and a performer of simulated lesbian sex acts. (Remember Williams' tangle with *Penthouse*?)

Phranc comes through with "Dress Code," her retort to Jesse Helms' brand of moralizing. "Don't tell me what to do...Don't lay your dress

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Thursday, August 13, 8 pm—Anna Livia, author of *Minimax* and *Relatively Norma,* reads from her translation of "the best of Natalie Clifford Barney," titled ***A Perilous Advantage.*** This is the first English translation of this collection of Barney's work.

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code on me,'' she rails, before confiding, ''You don't have to prick me. I bleed anyway...because I'm outspoken and say that I'm a lesbian.'' Go, girl. The song appeared on her last record, *Positively Phranc*, but I get a kick out of thinking of all those straight teens who'll pick up this compilation and get a healthy dose of Phranc's righteous and angry dykedom.

Shocked reprises ''33 R.P.M. Soul'' from *Arkansas Traveler*, a puzzling selection to me. In an accompanying liner note she says, ''This song has seven words in it that, if the FCC knew were in here, couldn't be played on the radio. For good measure, I've included the words 'censorship' and 'obscene.' '' I'm still puzzling. Williams contributes ''Freedom Dance,'' whose message is ''C'mon people, get free!'' Like I said, it's a real mixed bag, but you'll probably find something you like.

***Until the End of the World*, Warner Bros.**

This soundtrack from Wim Wenders' last film is far better than the film itself, sporting songs written especially for the film rather than a lot of retreads. In addition to U2, Talking Heads, and Nick Cave, you get Neneh Cherry, Patti Smith, Julee Cruise and Jane Siberry dueting with k.d. lang.

As befits Wenders' film, the mood is somber, but the artists create a surprisingly cohesive body of work. Cruise does her usual so-light-they-could-blow-away vocal coos, while Cherry kicks a few subdued beats on ''Move With Me.'' Smith and husband Fred spin a spoken word piece ruminating on ''division of the senses'' in ''It Takes Time.''

Siberry's ''Calling All Angels'' is a standout and could have been written for Wenders' *Wings of Desire*. The song, a wistful contemplation on life, finds her reciting a litany of saints, backed by lang and a couple of her reclines. The two women's voices weave an entrancing spell, which concludes with the declaration, ''We're tryin', we're hopin', we're lovin', but we're not sure just how it goes.''

***There's a DYKE in the Pit*, Harp**

This is my kind of compilation, collecting four bands with dykes on one 7-inch. SF's Tribe 8 checks in with ''Manipulation,'' which you'll find on their tape. Another local band, The Lucy Stoners, contribute ''Soiled Princess,'' which is a series of eerie snapshots of a broken woman. She could be a sex worker or a homeless woman, but as Selena Whang sings, ''When all the use is taken from her, she's thrown away.''

Two bands with roots in the Pacific Northwest complete the set. Bikini Kill, a co-sexual unit based in D.C. and Olympia, Washington, proclaim ''Suck My Left One,'' a disturbing gallop through incest, aggression, and family values. Seattle band 7 Year Bitch finishes things off with ''Dead Men Don't Rape,'' a fierce, grungy rant delivered by a high-pitched singer who renders most of the lyrics unintelligible. The punk aesthetic is strongly at work here when she screams, ''You ain't got the right telling me I'm uptight. DEAD MEN DON'T RAPE.'' It's not pretty, but it does rock.

Bedlam Rovers/Wannabe Texans
***A Benefit for American Peace Test*, Spirit**

SF's Spirit Records offers two local bands doing their bit for American Peace Test, which regularly demonstrates against nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site and is now calling for the United States to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

The two songs on the single are reflections on the Test Site by two folk-based bands. It's kind of a neat twist on the protest song tradition and a reminder that military buildup didn't go out with the end of the Cold War. Bedlam Rovers contribute the folk-flavored ''Nevada,'' which bemoans the damage done to the earth by the testing. The female vocalist sings, ''I have a friend who talks to the trees, and he says 'I've never seen trees on their knees.' '' Wannabe Texans offer up ''Nevada Ain't No Place to Have a Drink,'' which has a wistful country feel. It's an offbeat, almost hokey number which still manages to convey sincerity and concern. As the band sings, ''It ain't the neons. It's the neutrons that glow.'' The single is available on blue vinyl at fine indie stores.

cabaret

By Gene Price

Fred Astaire in Rehearsal

What's there not to like about Fred Astaire? He didn't have the greatest voice in the world, but nobody could pack more meaning into a lyric, and he introduced some of the best songs ever to come out of Hollywood musicals. As a dancer, there was none better.

Clement Zeleski delivers an uncanny impression of Astaire: his cockeyed grin, his walk (a half-shuffle, half-glide that suggested he might break into a dance at any moment); his shy, ingratiating shrugs; those typical hand mannerisms that cupped the chin, shot a cuff, nervously fingered the ascot at his throat; the white socks; the necktie carelessly knotted into a belt.

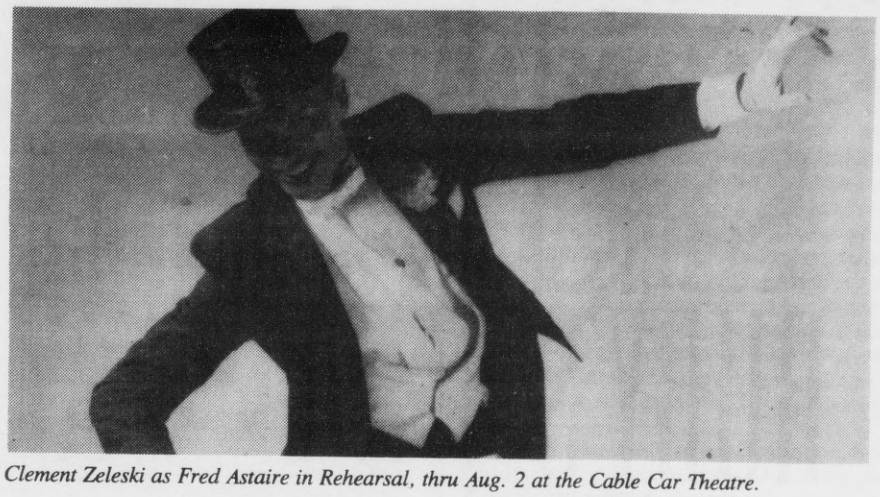
In this two-man musical created by choreographer/director Michael Smuin, Astaire is rehearsing for his supposedly final film, *Blue Skies*. He is accompanied by his longtime pianist Hal Borne (Barry Lloyd), who joins the dancer in a number of vocals (''S'Wonderful,'' ''I'm Putting All My Eggs in One Basket'') and in several solos (''Let's Face the Music and Dance''), while the dancer retires into a corner to wipe his brow or catch his breath.

Fine dancing and some great songs make for an endearing evening, but according to its title, it's a rehearsal. No plot, no beginning, no end—unless you count Zeleski's final emergence in white tie and tails for some fancy footwork to ''Putting on the Ritz,'' or the two guys romping through a seemingly spontaneous ''A Couple of Song and Dance Men.'' My favorite number was that most typical of all Astaire routines when, searching for any prop at hand, he offers his inimitable partnership to a hatrack in ''The Way You Look Tonight.'' Elegance personified.

The weak link in this cabaret entertainment is the script, or lack thereof. When pianist Lloyd initiates a number by saying, ''Fred, tell them about the time...'' or when Fred picks up the phone to speak to ''Irving,'' or ''Louella,'' or even Louis B. Mayer, the illusion sags. Some of the less pretentiously introduced anecdotes are delightful, as when Astaire reveals that Ginger's tap steps were overdubbed by choreographer Hermes Pan while sitting on a chair to give them a more feminine beat.

Producer Daniel Levenstein also did the musical arrangements. Terrific talent on tap, a saleable concept, but the packaging misses the mark—like a Tiffany emerald in a K-mart gift box.

Fred Astaire in Rehearsal plays through August 30 at the Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St. Call 989-9132.



Clement Zeleski as Fred Astaire in Rehearsal, thru Aug. 2 at the Cable Car Theatre.

You and the Night and the Music

Sterling Productions (that's Don Johnson and Michael Vita) are putting together a blockbuster of ''You and the Night and the Music,'' an evening of cabaret to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund and the San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS. The date is Aug. 4, with doors opening promptly at 7 pm and the performance beginning promptly at 8 pm. The place is once again the Venetian Room of the Fairmont Hotel.

Stephanie Salter and Rob Morse, *SF Examiner* columnists, will co-host the event. You want tap dancers, comedians, male and female trios, divas? They've got 'em. Here's the line-up, in alphabetical order: Tom Ammiano, Pamela Brooks, Clairdee, Samm Gray, the Jesters, Ron Lema, Sharon McNight (she's hitchhiking up from L.A., so if you pass a blonde with a battered suitcase, pick her up), Nicholas, Glover & Wray (see photo), Tif Rice, Samantha Samuels, San Francisco Tap Troupe, Sandy Van, Danny Williams and Gail Wilson. How's that for putting together the best of a decade of San Francisco cabaret stars? And there's *more!* Producers Vita and Johnson have threatened to close the evening with their own vocal duet of ''Starting Here, Starting Now.'' What the hell, it's their show, they can do what they want.

Musical director for this fifth edition of Sterling's AIDS benefit is jazz pianist Larry Dunlap. Jeff Neighbor and Jim Zimmerman will work out on bass and drums respectively.

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Saandra Sellers *is* Val 21. The thirtysomething woman skits from table to table checking on her guests' dinners, greets those entering with a sincere smile, and, when asked if she is the owner, replies, "No, I just act like it." Oh, if only every employee of every business felt this way. Saandra (rhymes with yawndra), like most other employees, has been with Val 21 from the beginning. The real owners, Yousef and Nidal Nazzal, first opened Valencia Whole Foods; then, deciding that the Mission district desperately needed a nice restaurant, turned their energy to the space next door. The Nazzal cousins, with the help of architect, contractor and artist friends, did a face-lift on the former auto supply store, creating a vibrant, harmonious atmosphere. It feels good to be in Val 21: The workers here are a family, the front-of-the-house staff and the cooks actually are friends, and all believe, like Saandra, that service is the critical component that differentiates between an average meal and a superb meal. This warmth and camaraderie translate into cordial, attentive service and a genuine sense that the folks at Val 21 care about your having an exceptional experience. They don't advertise, preferring to draw business by word-of-mouth and, recently, rave reviews.

Eclectic describes Val 21 to a T. The crowd, and it is a crowd almost every night, is one of those mixed groups seen only in San Francisco: gay, straight, whatever color, it doesn't matter. Many of the smart clientele have been coming since the restaurant's opening in early 1991. Blond wood floors, handmade wooden tables painted Gumby green, and original artwork in rustic green frames brighten the large dining room, lit softly from overhead mod hanging lamps. The green semi-circular bar stands toward the front and welcomes guests with high chairs and an assortment of wines, beers and fresh-pressed juice mixes. Music from South America, the Middle East, and occasionally the United States can be heard distinctly and blends in with the international menu. Chef Tai Leavitt walked into Val 21 sometime around its inception, and has been there ever since. Her menu, which changes about every six weeks, reads like a suitcase splattered with hotel stickers from around the globe, with stops in the Mediterranean, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, Africa, and the Southwest. Red meat doesn't have a place on the menu; the philosophy here is toward healthful, modern foods like free-range chicken and organic produce. Nidal tells me he can't stand those restaurants with that "greasy, greasy" food. If we know the right way to eat to add a few years onto our lives, he feels we should do it, and delectably at that.

The sharp menu enticingly lists appetizers and entrees. And we made our selections hoping that those we had passed up would be available on our next visit. A delightful **Caesar Salad with Seeded Croutons and Sun-Dried Tomatoes** ($5.50) impressed me with its robust, eggless dressing, whole crisp romaine hearts, and crunchy croutons. The **Insalata di Cilegine con Bruschetta al Pomodoro** ($5.75) brought together marinated balls of fresh mozzarella on a bed of peppery roasted spinach and garlic toasts topped with broiled roma tomatoes. Better care might be taken to thoroughly roast the accompanying garlic cloves. We adored the **Hoisin Basted Baked Egg Rolls** ($6.50), not at all greasy, but light, refreshing and wonderful with the thick orange-tamari dipping sauce. Finally, classy **Grilled Black Figs with St. Andre Cheese** ($6.95) caught us by surprise; I hadn't expected smoky, ripe figs to pair so beautifully with creamy St. Andre and sweet-succulent smoked salmon; I just wished the dish had been built to make it easier to eat all the components together.

Light, fresh, distinctive tastes seemed to be the theme in the entrees, with the most substantial dish being a **Baby Spring Vegetable Ragout with Creamy Roasted Garlic Polenta** ($9.95). The smooth polenta, topped with a sauce of fresh peas, tomatoes, corn, summer squashes and cheese, combined the zesty flavor of spring with the hearty texture of winter. The **Blackened Chicken with Chipotle Aioli** ($12.25) exemplified a perfectly designed plate: crisp slivers of blackened, well-spiced chicken breast on a pool of creamy sauce, with fluffy brown rice, chewy corn-ancho chili salsa, and slices of sweet-rich fried plantains, with each flavor enhancing the next. Val 21's fish couldn't have tasted fresher or been better prepared, with a **Broiled Salmon with Lemon Grass-Red Curry and Sweet Basil** ($13.25) impeccably tender, flavorful and moist. Paired with basmati rice, sweet sauteed sugar snap peas and a terrific Thai-inspired sauce, this had to be the best salmon I've had in a long time. But my notes

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on the **Grilled Swordfish with an Almond-Ginger Coriander Pesto** ($13.95) rave just as loudly, with "Fresh-fresh" scribbled frantically as I commented on the mouth-melting, generously sized filet deliciously served with the nutty, green pesto, yellow basmati rice and grilled cherry tomatoes. I am anxious to go back and try the **Fresh Plum Chicken laced with Brandy and Balsamic**, the **Grilled Fresh Summer Vegetables with Sage-Sesame Sauce**, and the **Crab Cakes with Romesco Sauce**.

Desserts were just as well-prepared and inventive as everything else. **Vanilla Poundcake with Fresh Nectarines and Raspberries on a Pool of Framboise Sauce** ($4.75) was extra-moist, satisfying with chunks of fruit and sweet whipped cream, but not overly sweet. The **Warm Steamed Chocolate Pudding with Garnet Sauce** ($4.95) reminded me of the famous chocolate souffle at the Bistro Gardens in Beverly Hills: Rich, Guittard bittersweet chocolate in an airy, delicate cake-like pudding surrounded by intense raspberry sauce made this the best dessert I've tasted in quite a while. I was skeptical of the **Espresso-Rum Chocolate Cheesecake with Hazelnut Crust and Blackberry Glaze and Garnished with Sweetened Creme Fraiche** ($5.25), since seven distinct flavors are mentioned, yet the intense slab of cheesecake won me over with its well-married flavors, creamy texture and thick, nutty crust.

A clever wine list includes all the favorites, available at fair prices, along with some interesting long shots. **Gabrielli Ascenza, Exotic White Blend** (CA, 1990, $4.50/glass, $21/bottle) with its dry start and sweet finish is a good partner for some of the more delicate dishes. The **Montepulciano D'Abruzzo** (Italy, 1990, $16/bottle) would be a fine wine with the blackened chicken or the fish, if you are so inclined. There are lots of non-alcoholic choices, different things like Homemade Ginger Ale, a far cry from the sugary version we're used to, but good in its own, healing way, and Ty Nant spring water in its refined blue bottle.

So I loved Val 21. It pulses with today's energy, in the tribal-sounding music, the tasteful decor and appliances, and the thoroughly tasty, nutritious food served with heaps of hospitality. The Nazzal cousins, perhaps pioneers of the now rapidly developing Valencia St., have built a home for their friends and play host nightly. And if you have any questions about your reservation, the appetizers—or just want to say "Hey!"—talk to Saandra.

Around Town...

Guru Mata Jaya Sati Bhagavati, known simply as Ma to her students and to those she serves, has been teaching for 20 years, and, in the last ten years, has brought cookies and comfort beyond belief to her friends with AIDS and HIV across the country. Recently, Ma cooked a Prasad Dinner (prasad is food blessed by the guru) for 200 of her devotees; Ma hadn't been in a kitchen for 20 years, but, boy, can this guru-nee-Jewish-Mother-from-Brooklyn cook! We started with antipasto and green salads, then moved onto the main course of perfect al dente penne with gorgeously seasoned (tofu) meat sauce (pardon me, *gravy*), broccoli breaded, fried and baked with cheese, potato-egg pie, deep-fried cheeseballs, and a ragout of potatoes, peas and red peppers. Ma's dessert was a showstopping concoction of devil dogs layered with peanut butter-chocolate mousse, whipped cream and chocolate sauce—decadent beyond belief, and just a taste of the sweetness she brings the world. Thank you, Ma.

I found a new bar the other day: **Pancho's Salsa Bar & Grill** (1639 Polk St. at Clay), which serves top-notch Mexican fare in a colorful, friendly atmosphere. Corn tortillas are made fresh to order for the soft tacos and fajitas; six different salsas from super-gringo to super-macho are made several times daily; and the delicious refried beans are prepared mysteriously without lard. A special of grilled chicken tacos with rice and beans ($4.69) came slowly, but when it did I was impressed with the fresh flavors and those hot-off-the-grill tortillas. The food is authentically Mexican, the service is smiling if a bit slow for a burrito joint, and the place itself sparkles with cleanliness and charm.

One of my favorite Chinese restaurants in town is **Brandy Ho's Hunan Food**, tucked into an old building at 217 Columbus Ave. They've got another location around the corner, at 450 Broadway, a red-and-white high-tech Chinese palace. The extraordinary flavors of this Hunan cuisine (hot, spicy and sour) sparkle at either locale. I particularly enjoy the Hot Garlic Eggplant Salad, Whole Steamed Fish in Hunan Sauce with vegetables, and the Chinese Chicken Salad. Potstickers or dumplings aren't as brilliant as other versions, but just about everything else is worth a trip. I've always had great service at both Brandy Ho's; my moods lead me to the one on Columbus for a darker, authentic feeling, or Broadway for a more upscale, trendy experience.

film

By Gene Price

Prelude to a Kiss

Two seasons ago Berkeley Repertory Theatre produced Craig Lucas' frothy, whimsical *Prelude to a Kiss*, featuring in the role of the mysterious old man our very own Sydney Walker.

Now released as a Hollywood film—with screenplay written by Lucas and directed by Norman Rene (both of whom are gay activists)—sundry levels of meaning are now being attributed to the script. Did the playwright really intend it as a parable for love in an age of AIDS?

Maybe so, but first and foremost it's a fairy tale about commitment, specifically those marriage vows about love and honor through sickness and death.

Young, handsome Peter (Alec Baldwin) meets young, pretty Rita (Meg Ryan) and in storybook fashion they hit it off immediately, move in together, and shortly thereafter find themselves at the altar. All this is prelude, of course, to the kiss.

At the wedding an old man with a year to live wanders into the garden reception and, overcome with the beauty of the bride and her aura of youth, requests a kiss. The bride, who has already confessed that she has no desire for children and whose lifestyle suggests a fear of commitment, grants the kiss. In the magic of the moment, their souls exchange. They break apart, each knowing that something remarkable has just occurred. The old man quickly disappears and the young couple fly away to a luxurious honeymoon on a poverty-stricken island in the Caribbean (the kind of place that would have horrified socialist Rita before the kiss).

But this is where the movie begins to let us down. As I recall the play (Mary Louise Parker of *Longtime Companion* was superb as Rita, but the producers of the movie settled for a star), Rita began at once to show signs of churlish old age, lack of interest in sex and lack of affection for Peter. While never overtly mannish, she was no longer the frank and charming pre-kiss woman who, when Peter confessed his wildest erotic fantasy, said, "I can do that." What Rita *can't* do now, functioning with the brain of the old man, is remember her new husband's favorite drink.

Unfortunately, charming as Meg Ryan is, she fails to deliver much insight into the new personality that inhabits her body. She's simply irritable—with charm.

Shortly after the disastrous honeymoon, Rita deserts Peter. Having already realized that the woman he married was not the woman he romanced, he puts two and two together and goes in search of the old man, who is discovered, naturally enough, in Rita's old hangout, where she worked as a bartender.

Peter asks the questions and the old man has all the right answers. He *is* Rita. They move in together. Here is where actor Baldwin delivers his most compelling performance. He still loves the young Rita in the old man's body, and his eyes reveal considerable depth of compassion and confused emotion. In the now infamous kiss scene (cut once by the producers after a preview audience tittered, but since restored), Peter briefly kisses the old man on the mouth, knowing full well he is kissing the real Rita.

Through a simple bit of trickery, Peter arranges that Rita and the old man meet once more and demands that they repeat their kiss. They do, and nothing happens. But, as in all fairy tales, you must *want* something to happen to *make* it happen. Peter asks them to kiss again. The old man's eyes register the knowledge that he will now reclaim the soul of a dying man. Rita, previously fearful of commitment, registers a willingness to commit. They kiss.

The movie has its faults. It's slow taking off, the pacing lags throughout, the editing is unsure. And Hollywood's tentative attitude toward sexuality keeps *Prelude to a Kiss* from being the movie it might have been. But Baldwin and Walker's performances are right on the mark (as is the pre-kiss Ryan) and the film deserves our attention for its theme of making choices, making commitments, and dealing with love's inevitable convolutions.

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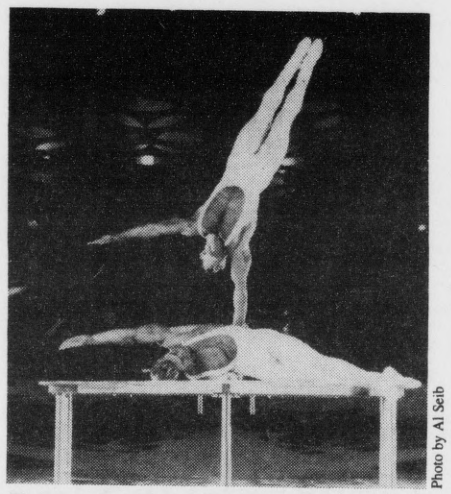
By Gene Price

Saltimbanco

Everybody's favorite circus is back. The Cirque du Soleil's current edition (sponsored by AT&T) is as sensational as ever. It's difficult to analyze the sheer wonder of it other than to say it is a sublime combination of commedia dell 'arte performers, jugglers, aerial artists, inspired clowns, fog, spectacular lighting effects, original music that hits a happy medium between rock and opera (and sung by Francine Poitras in an invented language that gives us the impression that we can *almost* understand the lyrics), and costumes that would put a flock of birds of paradise to shame.

There's the grand entrance march, of course, and a big gospel finale, and in between, the stuff of magic. A three-member Russian family performs some spellbinding contortionist acrobatics just to get the show off to an audience-gasping start, and from then on it's up, up and away, with the 15 acrobats of a Chinese Pole act that defies Newton's law; ringmaster Rene Bazinet in a variety of comedic incarnations (including a kid in short pants who mimes getting stuck in a john with an overflowing toilet—something for everyone!); Sun Hongli, who flits from one high wire to another, powered by her paper parasol; the Portuguese Lorador Brothers, who do some amazing physical feats with bodies that look as though they were living diagrams of the human muscle system; twin sisters Karyne and Sarah Steben, whose entwined aerial bit borders on the erotic; and the Elastiques, a four-man team of high-flying bungee jumpers who join hands in a star-patterned finale that ensures a thunderous ovation. Plus more!



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The amazing Alexis Brothers at the Cirque du Soleil/Saltimbanco.

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Theater Notes

SECOND THOUGHTS AT ACT

ACT's new head honcho, Carey Perloff, who made it quite clear at her first local press conference that she was her own woman, has bowed to assistant artistic director B.S. Ambush and canceled her announced production of *Lend Me a Tenor.* Ambush had claimed the play has racist overtones because it involves an operatic tenor playing Otello in blackface. (Apparently nobody told the normally sensitive New York audiences and critics that this popular comedy was not politically correct.)

It's even rumored that ACT offered to switch *Otello* to *Rigoletto*—a not particularly sensitive suggestion since the latter title role involves a hunchback jester—but the playwright declined the offer. Perloff has replaced *Lend Me a Tenor* with Dario Fo's *The Pope and the Witch,* which reputedly has a plot with anti-Vatican overtones. To my knowledge this will be the first attempt by a mainstream company to sell Fo's social and political philosophy to a middle-of-the-road subscription audience.

This mini-tempest questions whether any theater dare mount *The Taming of the Shrew, Charley's Aunt, Cabaret,* or even *Gypsy* without fear of being picketed by feminists, transvestites, neo-Nazi skinheads, or the Outraged Stage Mothers of America. *The Merchant of Venice* enjoyed a particularly fine revival by the California Shakespeare Company recently and Jewish organizations have not risen en masse to protest.

All this publicity has played into the hands of the Marin Theatre Company, which has scheduled *Lend Me a Tenor* for March. If it's as boffo at the box office as that company's *Noises Off* (which moved to the Marine's Memorial for a profitable run) this *Tenor* may well end up exercising his lungs at a downtown San Francisco theater.

NO MORE PAIN

This LA import played four recent weekends at the Off-Broadway but the public (and those noisome critics) were not impressed. Basically a soap opera, it offered a minimum of production values, not much discernible acting talent, dialogue that seldom rose above the mundane, and a plot that dealt with AIDS, suicide, euthanasia and abortion. Tony Tuce as the insensitive straight man and Jody Mortara as his fiancee delivered creditable performances despite the weak script.

MUSIC IN THE BLOOD

Composer, arranger, director Candace Natvig directed the 14-voice chorus, Music in the Blood, at a recent two-performance concert at Life on the Water. Now in its sixth year, this unique group of singing theater artists performed a diverse repertoire of works from local composers, with an occasional piece by Purcell, Samuel Barber, Kurt Weill, and the ubiquitous "traditional" tucked in for good measure.

The group has been hiding its talent under a bushel for far too long and should be performing more often for mainstream audiences. They are dedicated and they're good. One of their stated missions is to redefine the established choral format by creating dramatic contexts for the music, a concept that certainly adds a new dimension to traditional concerts.

This objective was especially well realized in four haunting selections of Natvig's own music from the 1985 production of *Tokens.* (Written by David Schein, the drama was a remarkable piece of environmental theater that, while set in the London plague of 1664, closely paralleled our own AIDS-ravaged society.)

Natvig was also represented by a number from the Z Collective's recent *Good Night, Desdemona,* with Jon English on bass. Barney Jones was represented by "Quark Ballad," with text by G.P. Skratz, and three additional pieces with texts by Seth Greene. Rinde Eckert contributed "Barbershop Macho Litany," from Contraband's EVOL, with text by Jess Curtis.

Music in the Blood is an impressive ensemble, with some nice solo work by Dyana Vukovich. Watch for them.

FOOTHILL'S "CALL ME MADAM"

The main reason for seeing Foothill College's production of *Call Me Madam,* Irving Berlin's send-up of the Truman-era party-giver/ambassador Perl Mesta, was to enjoy once again the vocal charms of Beth Baker. Ms. Baker has a fine sense of comedic timing, can belt with the best of them, and when a romantic ballad calls for some refined, elegant tones, she's got 'em. Her duet with male secretary Kenneth (Ray Mendoca), "You're Just in Love," was particularly fine. Dina Stubbe, who looks a lot like Bernadette Peters, has a sweet voice with little projection to support it. Jay Manley directed his cast of colorful townspeople and royalty within the confines of the small Pavilion Theatre. Next on Foothill's musical agenda: a full-scale production of *Fiorello,* July 31-August 16.

SEX, DRUGS AND APPLE PIE

Bay Area playwright Dorothy Anton's solo show, which played for some 20 weeks in Berkeley last year, is holding forth in the Hastings Studio Theatre (formerly the ACT Playroom). She portrayed nine women (not so much feisty as familiar) and managed to suggest their relatively universal dilemmas without much deep probing of their whys and wherefores. Only a step up from stand-up comedy, her routines impressed me most when she fired off some fine one-liners. Take Rickie's confession, for instance: "I love safe sex. I have it all the time. I'd just like to have it with a partner once in a while." My sentiments, exactly.

A program note indicated that this version was expanded from the Berkeley performance. Hmmmm... shorter and faster may have been funnier. The intimacy of a cabaret setting and a drink in hand might well have produced an atmosphere more conducive to Anton's gentle humor.

Sex, Drugs and Apple Pie continues at the Hastings Studio Theatre, 450 Geary St., through August 15. Call (415) 775-8672.

THE GARDEN OF THOMAS D.

Sorry to say, as much as I'd admired the Paul Dresher Ensemble/Rinde Eckert collaborations in the past, the new piece (inspired, according to a program note, by Dante's *Divine Comedy*) was so abstract, disconnected, repetitious, self-indulgent and downright puzzling, I lost interest in the whole affair and was reduced merely to listening to Mr. Eckert's fine voice while his monk-attired character was planting himself in a mound of earth and compost rot. It all had to do with an accountant who caught his tie in a supermarket document shredder; to salve his conscience, he enters a monastery and decides to build a garden on a softball field. So far, so good. But all this is preliminary action which happens offstage! What does happen onstage is that Mr. Eckert flings himself about in a great plastic sheet while Ellie Klopp, a guardian angel, meanders aimlessly about in an overhead net—or so it seemed to me.

My Fair Lady at The Lamplighters

When original productions and star performers have already put their indelible stamp on a play or musical, one always feels a little tentative about attending a revival. But have no fear about the Lamplighters' season opener, a scrumptious mounting of *My Fair Lady.*

Double cast, as usual, the opening night featured two of the repertory company's reigning stars, Jane Hammett as the Cockney flower girl, Eliza Doolittle, and Rick Williams as the bombastic linguist, Professor Henry Higgins. At long last these two fine musical comedy singers have roles they can get their teeth into—and indeed they do. Gone are the simpering, mincing attitudes prevalent in their Gilbert and Sullivan repertoires.

Miss Hammett lacks Eliza's guttersnipe vulgarity in the Covent Garden scene, but once she's established in the Higgins' household, she's a delight. Williams, less a bellowing Rex Harrison than an introspective Leslie Howard (Higgins in the non-musical movie version of *Pygmalion*), is a superb, self-centered taskmaster whose only concern is winning his bet that he can pass Eliza off as a duchess. These two performers are sublimely well-matched.

David Cottingham was a fine, blustery Colonel Pickering and Pat Franklyn was delightful as the elegant mother of ill-behaved Higgins. Norman Hall, as Eliza's father, Alfred Doolittle, practically dances away with the show. As Shaw's mouthpiece, Doolittle is awarded an ample share of social and political commentary, and Hall delivers these invectives against middle-class morality with gusto and charm. His two musical numbers, "With a Little Bit of Luck" and "Get Me to the Church on Time," accompanied with rollicking fervor by the Lamplighter chorus, are the musical's hit production numbers.

Less rousing, but visually stunning, is the Ascot Gavotte, an elegant tableaux featuring Melissa Wortman's gorgeous costumes as well as some of Eliza's funniest dialogue as she attempts to restrict her conversation to such supposedly safe subjects as health and the weather.

As for Lerner and Loewe's score, was there ever a musical so lavish with songs that not only stand on their own but so seamlessly further the plot? From Higgin's petulant query, "Why Can't the English?" to Eliza's wishful, "Wouldn't It Be Loverly?" and her subsequent revelry in "The Rain in Spain" and "I Could Have Danced All Night," one can hardly refrain from humming along.

David Grote directed this "loverly" production and Stuart Rosenthal's baton conducted the musical numbers at a brisk tempo. Kurt Landisman designed the lighting and Stephen Elspas' sets (17 scenes with seven romantic "watercolored" drops) were as impressive as one might hope for in a Broadway production.

Melissa Wortman's costumes, utilizing Persian/Oriental influences in her color palette, were the last word in opulence. (I personally found a

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couple of the peacock blue numbers discordantly electric, but no matter.) A *New York Times* article on the 1912 Ascot Races recorded "a magpie theme of black and white" for that year, so Wortman went along with Cecil Beaton's color scheme in designing *her* smashing racetrack ensembles.

Diane Silven must be credited with the best integrated choreography I've seen on the Lamplighter stage. Chorus dancing was energetic, marvelously spontaneous, and the men especially danced with virile abandon. The Embassy Ball, of course, reflected more stately measures.

Judy Jackson MacIlvaine likewise must be accorded her due as makeup coordinator. When Doolittle's cronies were supposed to have dirty faces, they had dirty faces. For once the male chorus looked like men and not like a line of boy dancers from *The Red Mill*.

My Fair Lady plays Fridays through Sundays (except July 4 weekend) through August 9 at the Presentation Theatre. Call 752-9813.

The Lost Weekend:

Interview with Playwright Tammis Day And Producer Sandra Rich

by Val C. Phoenix

When actress Tammis Day set out for some r&r seven years ago, little did she know that she'd be embarking on a creative odyssey that would take her through a career change, a move, and innumerable rewrites. The result seven years later is *The Weekend*, what she calls "a very tightly structured romantic comedy about women loving each other." It has its world premiere at the Cowell Theater and is set to run through Sept. 6.

Day, 41, had a long career as an actress before writing *The Weekend*, and continues to play the odd role here and there. Born in Los Angeles, she considers herself a New Yorker, and has also spent time in London, where she studied theater. The play's producer, 58-year-old Sandra Rich, also happens to be Day's lover of five years, and this is their first collaboration. Rich plays a strong supporting role in this production. "Tammis is the artistic end of our twosome here, and I'm more the business end of it," says Rich.

Day feels she's breaking ground with *The Weekend*, which she hopes will open people's eyes about "the beauty of lesbian relationships." Recently, Day and Rich sat down with *SF Bay Times* to chat about their play, the theater and the language of women.

(SF Bay Times): Why is the play premiering in San Francisco?

(Day) It was important for me to be in my community, the gay community. I found the gay and lesbian community in San Francisco so strong and supportive. It seems much more—

(Rich) —receptive to women. I think it's very strong for women.

(laughing) You haven't been here that long!

(Day) For me as an artist, I didn't want to get canned the first night out in New York. You really run a hell of a risk. I think this is a good play, and I just wanted a fair chance.

This play breaks some ground. I don't think they've ever seen anything like this before. This is really about women having very sane and very loving relationships. Eventually, I'd like to move the show to New York.

Did you always want to be a playwright?

(Day) I was always writing—diaries, journals. I became an actor in my early 20s. When I couldn't find work, I wrote. I always felt a need to express myself with words and language. I spent 18 years as an actor, floating around Europe, New York, L.A.; I went through a bad burnout period where I was treading water.

One day, I just packed my bags, went up to Maine and rented a farm, and started the play. It was always going to be a comedy. The characters stayed the same. I realized this is what I was meant to do.

(Rich) I think this play has a lot to tell. It's a comedy, but it also tells a lot about these women, who are friends and lovers, and I think it's time the public sees these things and learns how to accept them, because they're here to stay.

(Day) I want to break stereotypes. That's my main thrust. I really think that lesbians should be treated normally. I don't necessarily think it's important that we're accepted in the mainstream. I really could care less.

How do you feel the play breaks ground?

(Day) They're all interesting women. Katherine is an actress going through changes; Helena, a writer, wants to write a masterpiece. Pamela is a potter. Another is an ex-lover of Helena's who's into Jesus and all this other crap. They're all very different, but smart, educated intellectuals. Normal! These are women—artists, writers, potters, the same kinds of people we see every day—whose sexuality just happens to be lesbian.

It's not a political thing. The mainstream makes our sexuality political. So what I'm just trying to do is have people look at this and say, "Oh, my God, these women actually are falling in love, and they're great friends, and they seem to have this wonderful, loving deep profound relationship which eventually will develop into a sexual one."

(Rich) There's more to being gay or lesbian than just the sexual end. There's a whole relationship of love and feelings and friendship and understanding and compassion.

So are you talking to straight people?

(Day) I'm not talking to anybody. The characters are talking to each other, testing the limits, going back and forth. It's kind of a verbal foreplay.

How does the play unfold?

(Day) Everything is grounded in comedy. The dialogue is very quick and witty. It's the tone and phrasing that really gives you the dramatic content of what's going on. There's some farcical stuff and romance in the end. Everything's resolved. I like that. I like to have things resolved in my life. The ending is probably predictable. Good comedy is always predictable, and that's what makes it good. I admire a sense of silliness, of looking at life with a twist. If you don't laugh, all you're going to do is end up slitting your wrists.

I'm intrigued by this idea of language as verbal foreplay. What do you mean?

(Day) When you're attracted to somebody, you can't just rush up and kiss them on the lips. You have to make your language unique in order to attract them. For me, life is highly sexual. Language, especially between women, is always sexually charged—with lust or with attraction or with something. In the play, Katherine and Helena are sort of testing each other, finding each other out with language. They go through very quick repartees, and... it's like having a climax.

What do you hope to get out of this production?

(Day) I hope people will come. I worked very hard to structure it so it will be a great theatrical experience. Theater should be a reflection of the times through the playwright's eyes. Maybe the '90s will be our time. We'll see.

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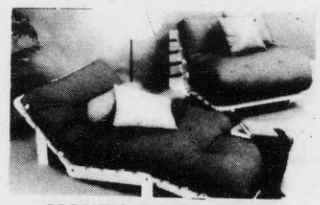

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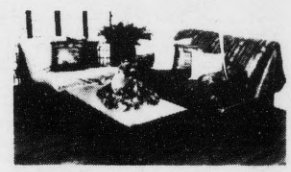

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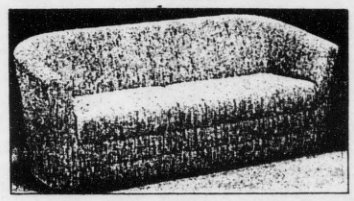

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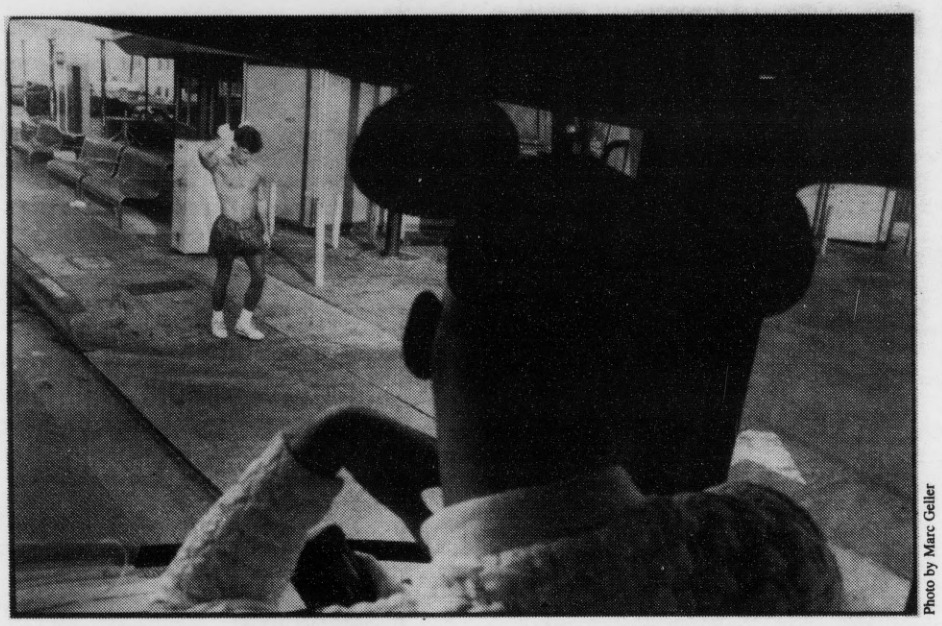

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Similar yet different, worlds beyond apples and oranges, the differences in the homosexual world's sub-subcultures are as broad as those of their het equivalents.

San Francisco is famous worldwide for many attributes: sourdough bread, cable cars, rip-roaring rollicking earthquakes and enigmatic cults. The City, however, is also infamous in the gay world for infighting.

Many refer to San Francisco as the gay mecca, the center of the homosexual world. But behind our carefully constructed bastions, the kingdom is neither peaceful nor unified.

The queer populace is as mixed as its het equivalent, with only sexual preference and oppression setting us apart.

We tend, in our pointy-headed homo oratories, our orgies of self-contemplation and navel-gazing, to refer to ourselves as a community. Our speeches and discussions constantly make allusions to our cohesion as we present information to both the het and homo worlds.

By referring to one community, however, we limit ourselves with myopic singularity, providing little recognition for the complexity of our multi-culti shadow world. Of late, progressive circles have come to embrace the concept of *communities* in lieu of *community*, encouraging diversity, while providing for connection as a coalition. More accurately, we are many cultures united as a movement.

Some two-step. Some twelve-step. Others seek to explore Esperanto in vegan, scent-free settings.

Our society has trained us to simplify our lives, leading to broad labeling, as we clamor for an identity to explain what and who we are.

Divergence in the search of identity is positive. On the other hand, isolation can be counter-productive. Pragmatic contention, when searching for answers, can be constructive, breeding discussion and analysis which an environment of contentment cannot provide.

We as a coalition of communities can successfully come together as a movement and agree on a number of points which unite us. Discrimination against people due to same-sex sexual preference must end. Violence against people because of same-sex sexual preference cannot be tolerated.

Unity can be encouraged by providing forums for communication. In San Francisco interaction among separated parts is limited by our self-imposed segregation. Racial, political and class boundaries striate us into pockets of roughly homogenized identities. Country/western fags are unlikely to encounter jaw-grinding raver dykes in a social forum; one half coming down while the other half is getting up.

Unification needs direction through leadership, but the leadership present in our city is political rather than social, and political agenda is not the same as social agenda.

Our presently recognized "leaders" are predominantly politicians and executive directors of AIDS agencies. A vacuum exists in the realm of cultural leadership.

An obvious solution to fill this void would be a gay and lesbian cultural services center, which is a glaring absence in our city. Such a center could serve as an environment in which to rub shoulders with others involved in the movement, to become familiar with the people committed to similar aims. It would be an environment in which to bridge gaps and focus energy.

The AIDS crisis has drained the gay and lesbian movement of not only its leaders, but also its resources. Most of the movement's energy and funding in the last decade has turned toward fighting the epidemic.

But the movement has grown and matured, and the time has come to to reexamine priorities. As ACT UP spawned Queer Nation, so must the movement reenergize the gay and lesbian civil rights struggle.

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SOMETHING TO DO

Colossus has now officially changed hands, coming under the direction of the niteclub's owner Ira Sandler, rather than the promoter, Gus Bean. Since the opening of Carefree, the club has been scrambling to keep its numbers up against the new heavyweight, but to little avail. Without significant improvements or metamorphosis the disco titan is destined to join Dreamland and Trocadero as historical places to dose and dance.

Over the years Gus has proven himself to be a master of importation—though not innovation—taking excellent ideas which have worked at other locales and putting them to work in San Francisco. From Los Angeles he appropriated the underwear party, and from New York, the go-go dancer. Go-go's, of course, have since been appropriated by every stand-alone once-a-week dance club to follow. For this he is due much credit.

Whether Colossus will survive is the question du jour. During a recent walk-through of the club, it quickly became obvious that the usual sprinkling of drug dealers were nowhere to be seen, making it understandable why the club has been closing early lately. Without drug trade, club patrons generally clip home earlier, sexual desperation not serving as a strong enough motivation to keep them searching, perching, bouncing and circling.

Saturday aside, seven days a week the **Motherlode** on Post at Larkin rocks hard as the tranny-ho party bar, with smoke flying out the air vents above the windows, adding to the feeling of entering another realm. Chicks with dicks reign supreme amidst the disco lights and billowing interior haze, posing along the windows, preening on bar stools, and shaking it on the glitter curtain-surrounded go-go platform.

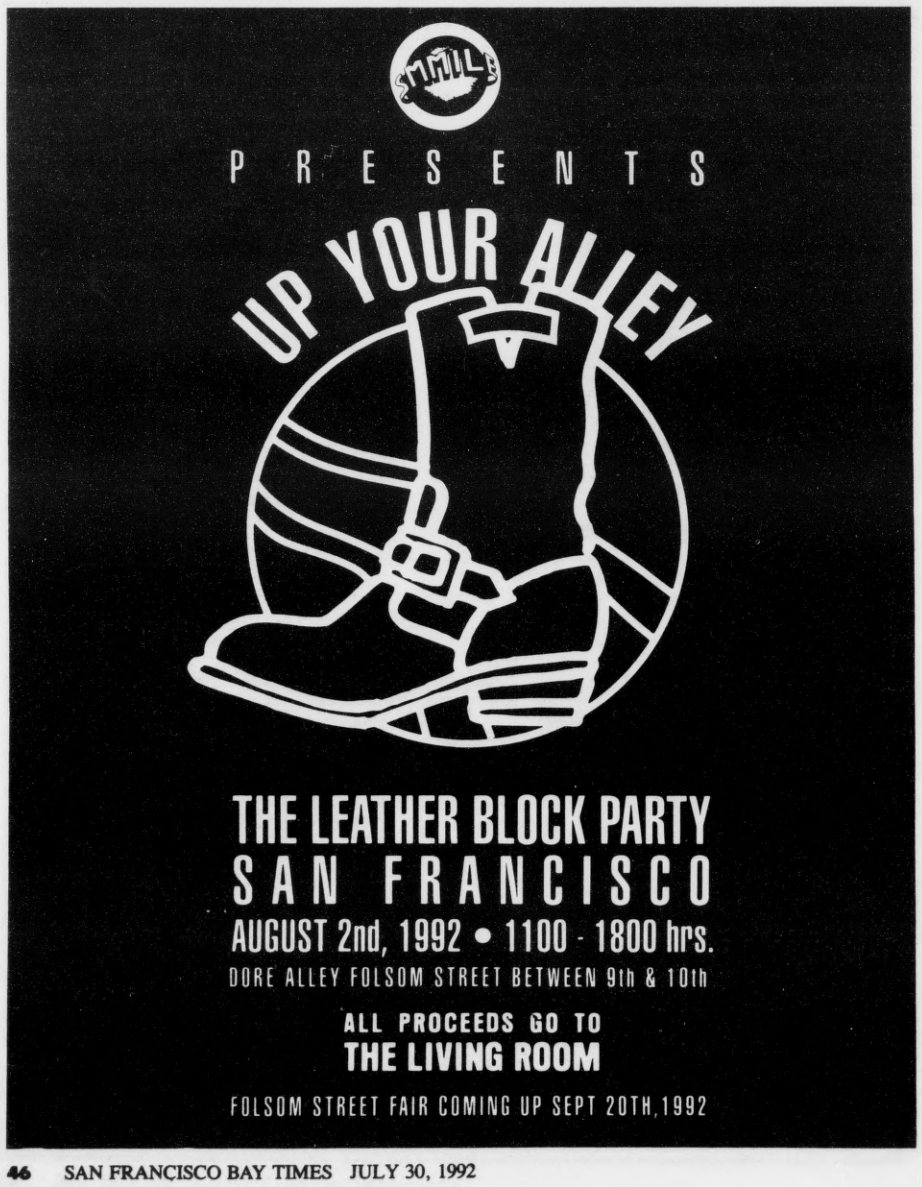
Remember and respect that this is a bar for transfolk and their admirers. For the adventurous who can have fun without being intrusive, the Motherlode assures an enjoyable safari into the shadow land of the *Third Sex*.

Though the fog machine at the Motherlode adds to the lowbrow charm of the establishment, **Fusion**'s, on the other hand, has gotten out of control, with the smoke-happy Djs smothering the crowd weekly. For those who hate fog, I suggest you mention to Lewis (the short, slenderific blond DJ) that less is more. As a short, balding, asthmatic faggot I implore those who share my aversion to chemical-induced gagging to nag.

Sunday nights, a new contender has joined the ranks of Hairdressers' Night Out, with the **Stud**'s launch of '80s night. $1.50 well drinks, no cover charge and retro tunes spun by Paul Cruikshank may enable the Stud to reclaim their traditionally dead school night. '80s music serves as the *Big Chill* music of the *twentysomethings*, reminding us of our coming out period through the magic of Eurotrash, and since the '70s are so late '80s, its time may have come.

Friends of the obscure and eclectic will be pleased to know that **Klubstitute** has finally found a home, and will be reopening shortly. Promoter and local anomaly **Diet Popstitute** has sent out the word that Klubstitute will reemerge at The 11th Hour, an odd, faux-tasteful space located next to Zim's and the Arthur Murray Dance Studio on Van Ness and Market. Initially the club will take over Tuesdays in August, moving to Saturdays some time in September.

More obscure than Klubstitute, **Fags Au Naturel** has surfaced in Discofantasyland, promoting itself as "the first post-modern primal nude rave" for "hot nude men." Yes, secret special parts can be viewed flipping to 120BPM, faster than the tail of a happy puppy. Fags Au Naturel is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 7, from 10 pm-2 am. Tickets are $15 for nudists, and $20 for attired (with only 50 attired available). Advanced tickets are required. Reservations and inquiries can be made by calling their FAN Line at 826-3738.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HIV Program Director: Progressive gay/lesbian church seeks half-time HIV Program Director. Under supervision of pastor, develop outreach and spiritual care for HIV population (mostly gay men); coordinate and facilitate HIV support groups; assist in counseling; help plan programs, events; participate in fundraising. Requirements: people skills, HIV experience, especially group facilitation, counseling; spiritual perspective; prefer Master's degree or equivalent. Compensation: 20 hours/week $32,000 FTE, health benefits. Starts October 1, 1992. Send resume, references, cover letter to Search Committee, MCC/SF, 150 Eureka Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. Deadline August 15, 1992. No phone inquiries.

Health Educator: Resp. for planning and eval, an HIV prev./educ. project for gay/bisexual young men. Knowledge of health and recreational program planning. Ability to supervise and work independently. Knowledge of current HIV prevention/educ. strategies; experience working with gay/bisexual male youth and youth of color. Strong written and verbal communication skills. Send resumes to LYRIC, 3543 18th St., #31, SF CA 94110 by August 7th.

Two positions for African-American outreach. Full-time for HIV + support group and part-time for education. Detailed cover letter and resume to: BAHSES-Job Openings, 625 O'Farrell St, SF CA 94019. **No phone calls**

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But you weren't in! At least my phone wouldn't connect with your number 7798. Like you, I'm an intelligent, handsome butch. I'll put on my uniform for you if you help me take it off. Or we could just go for a motorcycle ride. So, are you going to write me, or will I have to get a warrant for your arrest? Reply BT Box JY5C.

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I'm new to personals and new to seeking a companion. I'm 40+, 5'2", average weight, professional, with summers off, have good sense of humor, golf fanatic, enjoy concerts, theater, reading, animals, kids, deep honest communication, sensitivity, and caring people. Can be serious but can lighten up for fun times. Not into bars, radicalism, or any drugs, mind games (too much therapy for that), or abuse. Any ideas on how to connect with mature, intelligent, working women would be appreciated; particularly if you are one. Reply BT Box JY7C.

Come Take Me
To that plateau we will seek together. 40 yr. young, 5'3", lt. br/bl and horny woman seeks playmate(s)—no S/M please—to have fun with. A good sense of humor a must as well as physically healthy and into mutual satisfaction. Must be able to converse in more than moans. I'm ready for that right woman (women) so be adventurous, call/write me before I slide off my seat in anticipation. Reply BT Box JY8C or call ★★9109.

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I'm 40 yrs. young, 5'3", lt. br/bl, average wt., seeking some hot women for sensual/sexual fun or just cuddling and friendship. Prefer physically fit women who are HIV-, non bisexual nor into S/M. I like movies, TV, the beach, romantic strolling, picnicking in the park, shows, etc. Call or write me. Reply BT Box JY9C or call ★★9110.

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Take A Leap
Looking for someone who likes music, literature and writing letters; someone who feels comfortable two-stepping or dining out; is playful and finds life to be a joyful adventure. Must be drug/smoke-free. I'm creative, courageous, imaginative and adventurous; sensual and sexy; sometimes chatty and a little dizzy; a romantic at heart with a fey spirit. Please reply BT Box JY11C.

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(62 passing for 59) seeks someone to love. (Conversationally able friends also sought.) Partial profile: intellectual, opinionated, loyal, therapized, tender butch, loud laugh, shy grin. Love: books, food, travel, talk—e.g., Verdi, Coetzee, Balanchine, cats, Magnani, Renault, *NYRB*, Melville, 4x4s, Duras, Angelopolous, picnics, Morisot, Darwin, Gamelans, Raban, Baldwin, barbecues, Audubon, *J. Hist. Sex.*, roses, W. Allen, jokes, deserts, jungles, women. Hate: cults, food phobias, cliches, pretense, politico-eco-psychic indifference, false fingernails, TV (except old flicks). Offer: loyalty, support, understanding, passion & reason. Reply BT Box JY12C.

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HOW LONG WILL YOU KEEP TRYING? I MEAN, MAYBE YOU'RE NOT MEANT TO HAVE A BABY.
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in my late 30s. Looking for a Ruth to romance, frolic with and get to know. Love to spend special weekends away, talking, walking and sharing our spirits, then please send photo and brief history. Reply BT Box JY13C or call ★★9113.

Lez Be More Than Friends
40 yr. old, 5'3", br/bl, average wt., seeks women physically fit, but not fanatically so, for fun, romance and friendship(s), not necessarily in that order! I want someone I can see and have fun with in bed as well as out of same. Relationship possibility with right woman. Take a chance. Call or write me. Reply BT Box JY14C or call ★★9114.

Pay Attention To Me!
30 y.o., blue-eyed, androgynous, butch of center, financially stable, physically and intellectually active, emotionally intense, artistic, original and versatile woman wants you to: talk to me; listen to me; share your books with me (I'll give them back); visit me (but leave your suitcase at home); make me laugh; dance with me; try new things and meet new people with me; worship my body and revere my mind. Short of that, have coffee with me. If the chemistry is right (ingredients: tall(ish), slender woman with great hands, a generous mouth and eyes which are lucid and unafraid to meet the passion in mine), I would love to pay attention to you. No drugs/heavy drinkers. Call ★★9115.

Small Hands
I know there are plenty of butches out there who like to be fucked, and I'm just the femme to do that and much more to you. I know you'll want to do me too. I'm an attractive, intelligent, literary, fun, cynical, somewhat shy (not in bed), 28-year-old, blonde dyke. I smoke, but don't have to around you. I prefer an armful of woman who's comfortable in her butchness. I love sex, and seek a fun sex partner, not a relationship. Call ★★9116.

Sensitive Dreamer
I am new to SF and wish to have a network of friends, also I would like to meet that special someone. I enjoy simple pleasures like laughter, friendship and, finally, sex last, but not least. I would like to meet women who are 30-45 y.o., honest and sincere. No drugs or smoking. Maybe we can be friends. Call ★★9117.

Seeking Sweaty Summer Sex
W/a nerdy girl who has a sense of style. I really don't care what style but at least have one. I'm into long conversations about arcane topics, techno-arty pursuits and hardware accompaniment in bed. Leaving town for distant lands in a few months, so basically I want a raucous fling, a glorious union and a few good stories for my office mates (and yours too!). Reply BT Box JY15C or call ★★9118.

Peninsula Lesbian Seeks Her Butch
I'm a 50-year-young lesbian who is open-minded, loving, passionate and sexual. For fun I like movies, motorcycling, concerts and dancing. I'm 5'10" tall and 180 lbs., and have a round Libra face. I own my own business and am a classical musician. My hobbies are plants, animals and relaxing. I value friendship, loving partners and health. Politically I voted for Brown. I seek a big woman, 35+, with similar qualities who can communicate about feelings, be a soft-butch who loves to make love all night, and be in a loving, sexual, committed relationship. Call ★★9119.

The Interrogation
You're in high heels and stockings, bent over and handcuffed to a table, while one of us fucks with your ass and the other one fucks with your head. You're not so high and mighty now, are you, Missy? Squirming won't help you, although it might entertain us. You're helpless, so you might as well just give in (don't have much choice, do you?) while we have our way with you—spanking, fondling, groping, whipping, probing and fucking your ass. But don't worry, we'll be kind to you—if we feel like it. Relax. Your ass trusts us more than you do; your ass has good instincts. Come on, baby, you know you really want it. Call or write and we'll get together to talk about limits, safety, likes and dislikes. Reply BT Box JY16C or call ★★9120.

Ask And You Shall Receive
Hmmmm. Sounds deceptively simple. But he may be right again. Well I'd be *thrilled* to meet a blend of Idgie, Mrs. Robinson, Anita Hill, Demi Moore, Vanessa Redgrave. But I'd really be *happier* meeting you—a warm, affectionate, kind, communicative, savvy yet unfaded, fit, funny, 42-52, obviously intelligent & uncommonly physically attractive woman. We live nearby (SF), are NS, LD, financially stable, involved in work/profession we enjoy, lead active lives that leave ample time for us. I'm an energetic youthful 45, med. ht./wt., more female than feminine, attractive in a French-Italian kind of way, affectionate, astute, expressive, funny, earthy, monogamous, empathic, playful, passionate about justice, life, love... a freelance journalist & writer, PT news junkie, eco-minded, green thumb, good cook, lapsed Catholic, occasional wine drinker, an unabashed romantic. I avoid rightwingers, the self-effacing, shallow, cheerless, defeatist & painfully shy. I appreciate flowers in the house; conversation; friends; a challenge; walks, hikes & bicycling; NPR, classical, blues & Larry King Live; books; travel; the sun, sports & word games; comfortable silences; absurdities; video therapy; live comedy; children; stock/flea markets & garage sales; a good night's sleep under a warm comforter & dreams I can remember & live. Unconventional, sensual/sexy, tough/tender, slightly older women with bright eyes, stretchable minds & well-defined personalities are especially attractive. I want to go deep, meet you there, hopefully stay a long, long while—serial grieving is so wearying. Let's go slow, get to know, let down walls, build trust, share dreams. If the journey is as important to you as the destination and you don't expect immediate enmeshment (toothbrush by date #2, title transfer by date #4), please send a revealing description of you and your search to: Boxholder, PO Box 460825, SF 94146-0825 or call me at ★★9121 and I will RSVP ASAP. There's no touching without reaching.

Fat 'N Sassy
Strong butch interior/pretty femme exterior. BiWF, auburn hair, green eyes, Aries/Scorpio/Sagittarius. Passionate about sex, politics, music, satisfying the senses—Life! Seeking a woman who is secure, confident, ambitious, generous and romantic. I am smart, verbal, oral, fun, energetic and fiery. Together we will fuel the flames of each other's emotions, passions, moods and bodies. Strong preference for 28-38-year-olds w/dark hair/dark eyes, moody artists, writers or musicians. Extra points for Taureans, Libras or Sagittarians. Reply BT Box JY17C or call ★★9122.

Do The Stars With Me...
I'm a butchly romantic, revolutionary type dyke who dreams deeply, passionately believes in wiping out racism, capitalism, et al., from existence; loves driving along the coast in a beat-up pick-up listening to loud, poetic, emotion-filled music; is drawn to the S/M side of sex at this time; can't follow scripts for anything; needs lots of laughter & playing; believes that smashing windows is better than accepting injustice; wants a girlfriend to bring wildflowers to; wants a girlfriend who agrees the upper class should not exist and respects the working class; wants a girlfriend to do the stars with... Reply BT Box JY18C or call ★★9123.

Woman Seeking Women
Asian, mid-30s, looking for gay friends to go out to movies, dinners. Also looking for a partner and soulmate that understands what commitment and relationship means. Enjoy candlelight dinners, fireplaces, like to cuddle, caring and understanding, not much in sex. Hate liars, materialistic, one-night stands. Kids are OK. 30-45 preferred. Lesbians only. Reply BT Box JY19C.

"As My Lips Descend Along Your Neck..."
I hear your breathing quicken and feel goosebumps rise on your smooth skin; our kisses grow intense, longer, carrying us on a torrent of ecstasy, until we are fulfilled and exhausted in each other's arms." I miss the intensity and romance of a great relationship, but don't want casual sex, either... so I'm waiting (patiently) for someone special to complete the picture: GWF, 5'4"+, 28-40, great sense of humor, over your ex, medium-to-stocky athletic build, outgoing, with dreams and goals of your own, I'm 36, athletic, stocky, intense, independent, cuddly, romantic, very creative, spontaneous, attractive, intelligent and socially-conscious; into sports, art, music, travel, photography, the outdoors, museums, street fairs, the company of friends, cooking, open minds, good conversation, and wonderful intimacy. I live in SF, work Monday-Thursday evenings, and am pursuing a singing/recording career. Who knows? We could begin as friends, and who knows what will happen if you stick your neck out? Reply BT Box JY20C or call ★★9124.

Your Ass Is Mine
Girls: I have a serious ass fetish that I'm just dying to get satisfied. If you'd like to have a dark, voluptuous, nasty-minded, white-girl slut pay attention to your ass for hours at a time, then read on. I'd like to do any or all of the following to you: look at and admire your ass; make you show it off to me in various positions and stages of dress and undress; make you bend over my knee, bend over my furniture, or get down on all fours with your ass stuck high in the air; fondle and squeeze and hump your butt like a dog while you wriggle and squirm and plead for more; spank, paddle, whip and flog you until your cheeks are bright red and burning; and, of course, fuck you up the ass, long and hard and nasty, until you melt. I don't care about your race, age, butch/femmity, or build (although I am somewhat partial to voluptuous women), as long as you have a nice, juicy ass and are comfortable with the concept of talking about sex on the first date and doing it on the second. Light S/M is definitely on the itinerary; heavy S/M, other kinds of sex, and switching are also possibilities. We could have a one-night stand or do it over and over again, but a serious relationship is out of the question. Any queer gals whose butts have been tingling for the last minute or so, please reply to BT Box JY21C or call ★★9125. Please, no curiosity seekers or women in monogamous relationships (I don't want to be the one you cheat on your sweetie with). No men.

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Language Exchange
Looking for fluent speakers of Norwegian and/or Korean and/or Russian for conversation practice, cultural exchange. If there is enough interest, let's start up a club. Reply BT Box JY600C or call ★★9168.

Beads
Gay, bi, straight friends (male, female) sought with an interest in historic and ancient beads and jewelry by attractive, thin, straight-acting, hippish GWM in his forties. Let's share and wear our passions! Reply BT Box JY601C or call ★★9169.

Noe Valley Girls
We're a social group for Noe Valley lesbians, 35+. We have plans for camping, concerts, video night, baseball games, etc. We welcome new women. Join us! Call ★★9170.

Women, Books & Brunch
We share interests in all three! Women's book club seeks new members for fine dining and stimulating conversation. Group meets once per month to discuss books by women authors. Interested? Give us a call! Call ★★9171.

Summer Play For Kids Of Gays
I'm an 11-year-old girl and I want to meet other kids whose parents are gay or alternative, so my moms ran this ad. I want kids to *play* with and, if one of us is feeling sad or excited, we'll have someone to talk to who understands about our different families. I'm not looking for girls who just want to talk about boys or boys who think they're better than girls. I like playing adventures (we can be warriors together), tag, hide & seek, board games. I also like: pizza, dragons, cheeseburgers, drawing, swimming. I don't like: mushrooms, flirting or attitudes. We live in SF and hope for friends nearby. Let's go to the park or the pool, practice karate, build a go-cart or paint a mural. Call ★★9172.

Poker
Looking for women who play poker, either to join an existing game or start one. Please call ★★9173.

Film/Home Theater Buffs
Interested in connecting with guys interested in cinema/film (bargain matinees, reading film periodicals/reviews, etc.) + home (VCR/laser disc/surround sound) theater, sharing video cassettes, etc. San Francisco residents preferred. Goal: new friendships, relationship if it develops (but not primary goal). I'm 48, GWM, HIV+, fit/in-shape, articulate, well-read, witty/irreverent sense of humor. Call ★★9174.

Sexual Persona
Is Camille Paglia really an apologist for the right-wing dressed up in avant-garde drag or is she an orthodoxy-smashing genius with a bad attitude? Does she need a permanent Valium drip or just a weekend locked in the stockroom of Good Vibrations with Susie Bright? Discuss these and other important questions while reading her tome: Sexual Persona. Reading group now forming. All genders, orientations and agendas welcome. Hurry before she publishes Vol. 2. Reply BT Box JY602C.

Do You Want To Be A Prospective Queer Parent?
A community group of lesbians and gay men who are seeking a co-parent or known donor situation or simply wish to discuss the possibilities. We meet on the second Sunday of the month for a potluck and discussion. We are about 50-50, men and women, East Bay and San Francisco. Call ★★9175.

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Submissive
29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★9141.

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Slave Seeks Owner
33-year-old submissive man, bi-curious, wants to meet women, couples or groups interested in taking control of a man and using him for your amusement & pleasure. Exp. as a houseboy, cook & masseur. Enjoy all aspects of D&S including C&B and TT, WS, foot worship, humiliation. Call and leave your orders, complete obedience given. Please allow me to serve you. Call ★★9143.

Confidante
I am looking for a confidante and intimate trusting friendship with a bi or gay woman, perhaps leading to a relationship. I'd like open communication. I'm 35 WM, Jewish, professional, warm, funny, attractive, HIV-, engaging, good listener & communicator, stable, sensitive, caring, happy, gregarious, musical, spontaneous. Call ★★9144.

Bi-Curious WM, 35, 5'10", Masculine, Fit
Handsome, healthy, active, professional, conscientious, cultured, secure, independent, educated, articulate, creative, spontaneous, grounded, altruistic, stable, humorous, enthusiastic, adventurous, honest, responsible, avant garde, passionate, caring, sensitive, compassionate, caring, seeks same or novice for fun and first (masculine only, please). Reply BT Box JY300C or call ★★9145.

SWF, late thirties, wants to relax with someone of high moral character (that's right). I like to eat out, watch movies, and indulge in privacy. I'm highly educated, into art, news, the psyche. If you like to cuddle, trust, and even fight long before it's time to fuck, then please answer my ad. I value honesty above everything. Reply BT Box JY301C.

Three Of A Kind
BiWM wants to spend time with a man and woman (or two women) to appreciate and honor what men & women can do together. I've an easy, dynamic sexuality and enjoy the complex nuances involved in a threesome. I'm 40ish, 6'4", 220, HIV-, attractive, smart, empathetic & funny. Sound good to you two? Then call! Reply BT Box JY302C or call ★★9146.

Clap Your Hands
If you believe in faeries. Sweet, salacious & somewhat silly bi-boy looking for playmates. I'm kinda skinny, have angelic looking hair & a cute little butt. My current hobbies include public places, light bondage & latex, but I'm looking to expand my horizons. Age/race/gender not important. East Bay preferred, couples esp. sought. East Bay couples ideal. Reply BT Box JY303C or call ★★9147.

Pretty Bi Woman Seeks Same
Hi! I'm looking for a "special lady friend," someone I can see occasionally, someone who's independent, kind, caring and not self-absorbed. Please be a nonsmoker and a non-drug user. I have a busy life as I'm sure you do, but this one area of my life is unfulfilled and incomplete. Give me a call and let's see what we have in common. Bi-curious OK. 40 & up. Call ★★9148.

Trapped In One's Mind
Your emotions say you want it, but your mind doesn't think it's possible—hence you won't even try, or make a weak attempt and give up. You are a bisexual woman and your soul wants to love both women and men, yet your mind always forces you to choose one. You are a free thinker when it comes to your career, social issues, politics, etc., yet you shortchange yourself of life's potential by not exploring alternative relationships that might open up new horizons for you. Explore these issues with a loving, dynamic, multifaceted female/male couple around 30. No commitment and no sales(wo)man will call, but don't put it off anymore! Remember, what you try may fail—but what you don't try fails automatically... Call ★★9149.

I Don't Really See...
... Why can't we go on as three?! Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 33, and WM, 27. Let's look into developing a friendship, with an eye to the possibility of an equal partnership in fully integrated, committed, triadic relationship. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★9150.

Looking For "Like"
Tall, gorgeous, HIV-, hip, dark-skinned, unconventional, bisexual male, seeks pretty, femme, slim, bisexual female in her mid-twenties for "like." I am a left-leaning, intellectual, well-educated, well-traveled, articulate, funny, bicultural scientist and artist. My tastes are alternative and eclectic. I prize imagination, originality, insight and creativity. Into books, films, writing, cooking, the arts and traveling. What are you like? Call ★★9151.

A Dyke And Her Dog
Overly busy pet owner seeks like-minded gyrls and butches to help me train my dog. I'm a mean and twisted femmey-butch bi-dyke. Dog is a fag perv pain-pig. You (singular or plural) are females by birth or choice and queer-identified. The deal: You and I beat him, cut him, pierce him and/or fuck him from both ends while he barks, whines and howls for mercy. All too soon I'll have to go to work or a meeting, but if you are happy and Dog is miserable, I'll leave him in your custody. Return the pieces when you are done. We play safely and consensually. HIV status is irrelevant. Reply BT Box JY304C or call ★★9152.

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Jock Sucker
Horny straight, bi or masculine gay guys who enjoy great head but are particular about appearance of the giver, then this ad's for you. The giver is a healthy, HIV-, masculine, bearded, sports-minded, straight-acting, divorced bi who thinks it's better to give than receive. Send facial photo to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★9191. Live in South Bay but will travel for right guy.

Sex Is Good! Love Is Best!
GWM, 53 (look 40), 5'7", 140#, brn/gray hair, blue eyes, cleanshaven, hairy chest, HIV-, nonsmoker, 7" cut; Greek active; French active/passive; nice looking, masculine, slim, professional music industry, amateur pianist, thoughtful, affectionate, independent, intelligent, sincere, seeks lifemate. You: 25-45 (younger or older OK if mature and in shape); masculine, handsome or cute, slender, nonsmoker, HIV-, available to relocate to South Bay. I like romantic, attentive, loving, caring person. No phonies, inmates, drug- or alcohol-addicted, or shallow types. Exchange photos. I love animals, plants, movies, music, TV, friends, dancing. Write: PO Box 620, Redwood Estates 95044. Not my first ad!

Just Casual Sex
Good-looking, South Bay GWM, 35, reddish-blond hair, blue eyes, 6'2", and 200 lbs., seeking casual encounters with young males, white or Latino, 18-23, in Northern Calif. Not looking for a relationship, just a lot of fun or whatever. PO Box 26252, San Jose 95159-6252 or call ★★9192.

Philo, Anyone?
GWM, 29 y.o., 165 lbs., 5'6", black hair, cleanshaven, with a hairy bod. Newly relocated oenology-wannabe seeks to meet gay men in the Anderson Valley for socializing. I prefer well-integrated, intelligent, fun, honest, warm and adventuresome guys to hang out with. I have a wide range of interests: music, reading, writing, cooking, hiking, beachcombing, movies, etc. I'm always open to new adventures. Platonic as well as romantic encouraged to respond! PO Box 592, Philo CA 95466.

Mature English Leather
Englishman, East Bay, 50s, designer/actor, manic gardener, with lovely home, Honda 1000, leather, needs life partner/lover, HIV-, responsible, independent, music lover, gregarious, humorous, loving, 30-60 (?). I'm 5'9", 165, dark, balding, rugged looks, big personality. I love entertaining, fine arts, open air. I lost my longtime lover to AIDS in '89 and have much love to give to the right man. Call ★★9193.

Beefy Seeks Chubby
WM, 46, 5'10", 215 lbs., hairy Italian bear, looking to meet heavier guy for fun, friendship and whatever else happens. Prefer 25-45, sexually versatile, 250+. Send photo if available and detailed letter. Don't be shy. PO Box 291, Daly City 94016-0291 or call ★★9194.

Summer Buddy
Attractive guy, 40, German/Hispanic, brown hair, green eyes, 175 lbs., good build, clean-cut, creative professional. I am smart and friendly and I am looking for a masculine dark or tanned straightforward professional man, who is health-conscious, HIV-, who enjoys water and would like to meet another masculine man for summer fun. Write to R.G., PO Box 1204, Los Altos 94023 or call ★★9195.

Att: Bicycle Jocks
Bicycle jock, 38, 6', 195, straight-acting, looking for same. You: 18-28, blond or redhead, cleanshaven, solid, pleasant, laid-back attitude. Hairy chest and legs a plus. Great legs a plus also. Let's go riding, on or off road and get all sweaty from a great time and workout. In the evening you can get another great workout by pumping me in the bedroom like you did with your bike during the day. Reply to PO Box 1551, Martinez 94553 or call ★★9196.

Hey You... (Yeah You!!!)
... Ever been on a mini-vacation in the boonies? The kind of weekend where you and a bud zipped two sleeping bags together and held each other all night under the stars. Yes, you guessed it—another hopeless romantic!!! Sure, I've had my "cheap sex moments of glory" but they were just that—moments.... As for me I'm 31, 6'1", 165 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes. I'm very masculine, good-looking to cute, usually tan, very friendly and outgoing. As for you, you're over 18 but not over 32, don't live in clubs, have a generally optimistic outlook, are playful but have a serious side with a fantastic sense of humor! Extra points given for other hopeless romantics (after all, I'm the world's best kisser!). I don't believe in instant anything but everything has to start somewhere—maybe this time it could just be with a phone call... Reply BT Box JY70C or call ★★9197.

Artsy Photo Stills
Seeking trim men, 20-40, who wouldn't mind being photographed nude/semi-nude for photo buff developing his human form style. This is totally discreet: you control the photos and keep the negatives. Average-looking encouraged. Write PO Box 610014, San Jose 95161-0014 or call ★★9198.

Very Shy
GWM, 6'3", 160#, brown hair and eyes, moustache. I'm told I'm good-looking and that I don't look 42, but looks are a personal judgment call. I'm an average, open, masculine, upfront and honest guy, quiet, sort of a hick. I enjoy being outdoors, day hiking, driving, reading, movies, music and a bunch more stuff. I want to increase my circle of friends, with similar type guys, to do things with. If you're interested, send me a note and we'll see what happens. W.M., PO Box 7032, Berkeley 94707-0032 or call ★★9199.

Country Gentleman
Handsome, sensual, sophisticated Sonoma Co. vintner, formerly of SF, desires to meet others (25-45) who live in SF or North Bay. Like me you appreciate urban and rural life, music, fine food and wine and travel (esp. Europe). At 41, I'm fit and HIV-, 175 lbs., 6 ft., black hair, blue eyes, moustache, masculine and sexual. Currently unattached, I am open to friendship or l.t.r. Call ★★9200.

Chunky Chaser/Foot Fascination
If you've got extra pounds on, that's just perfect! If you're a person of color, I love that. If you're older, I love that too. I'm a 34 y.o. GWM, 5'11", 175 lbs., br/bl. Actively romantic heart, smooth body and to me feet are sexy! Call ★★9201.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asians
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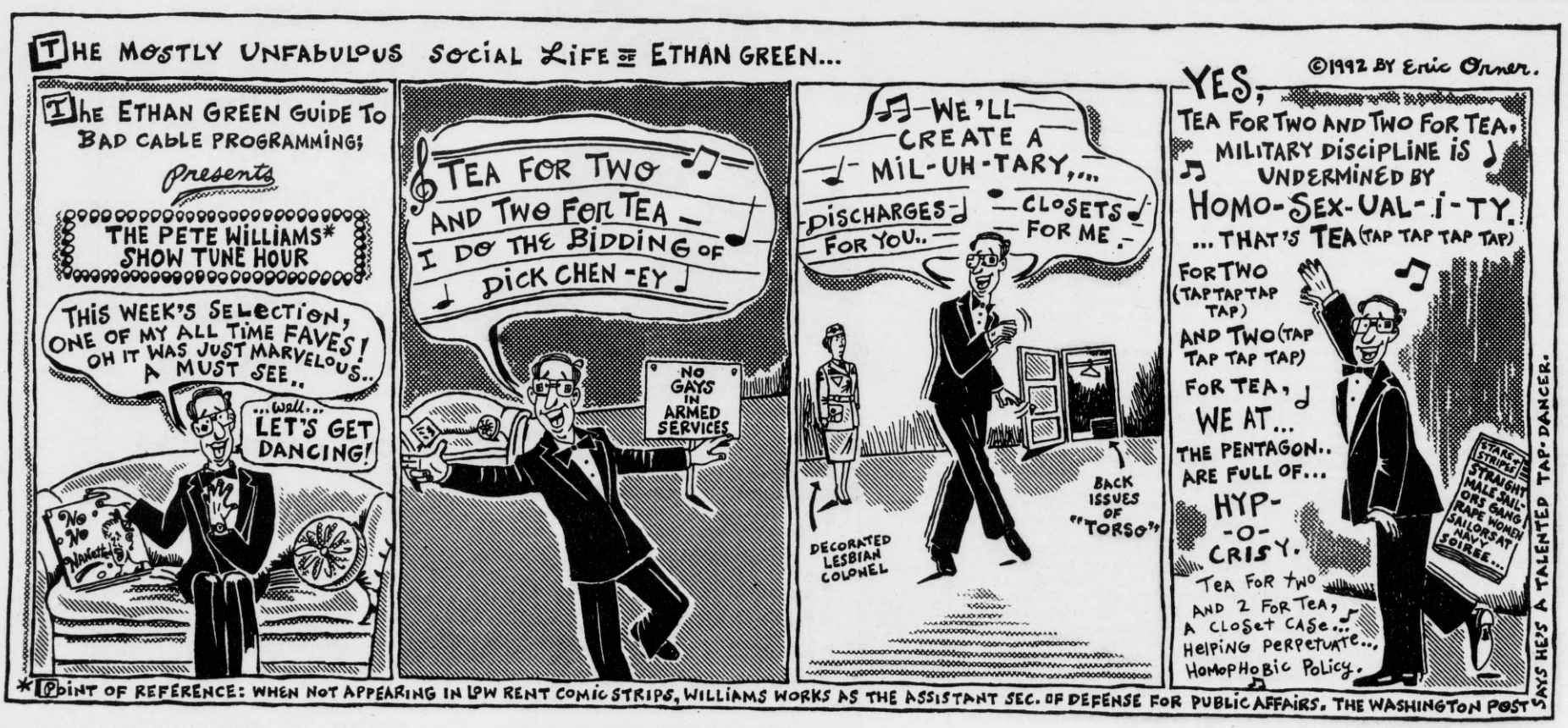
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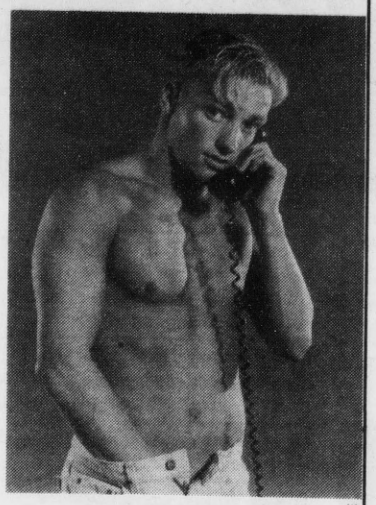

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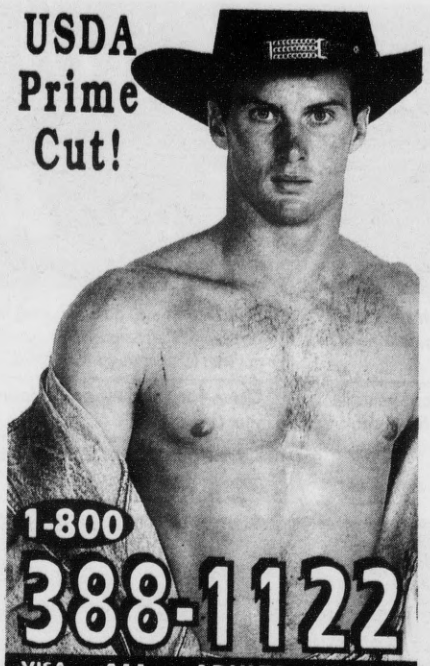

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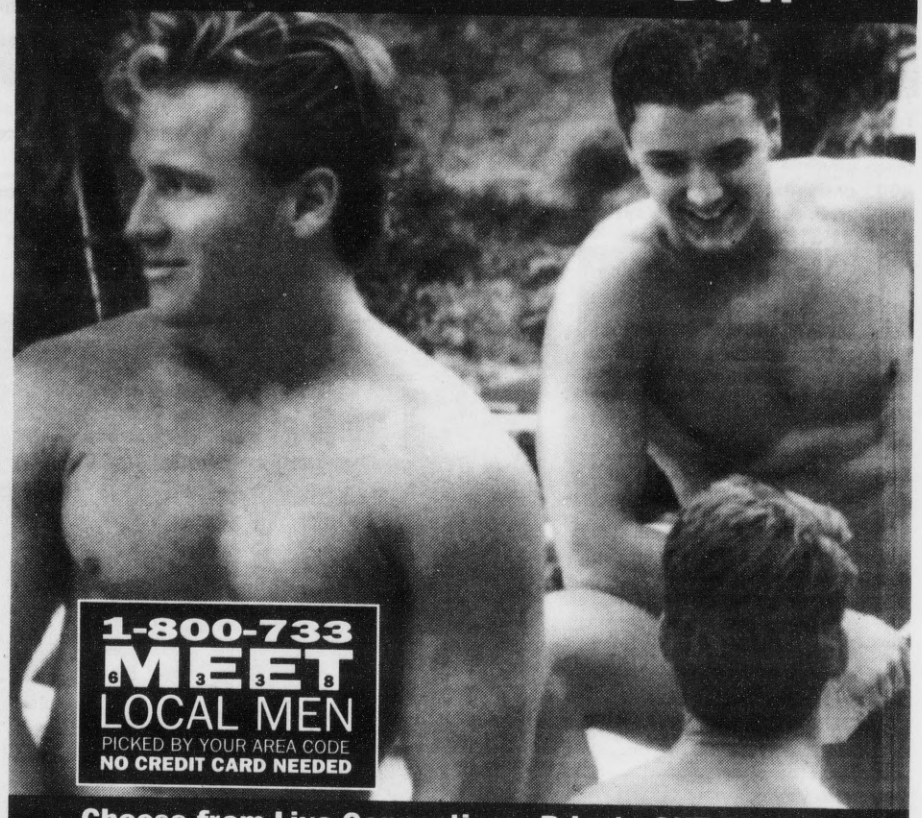

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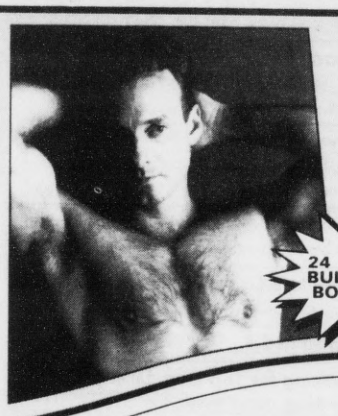

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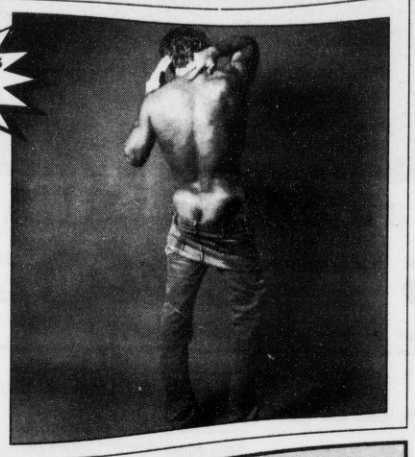

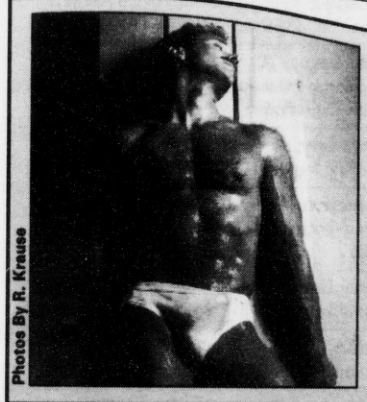

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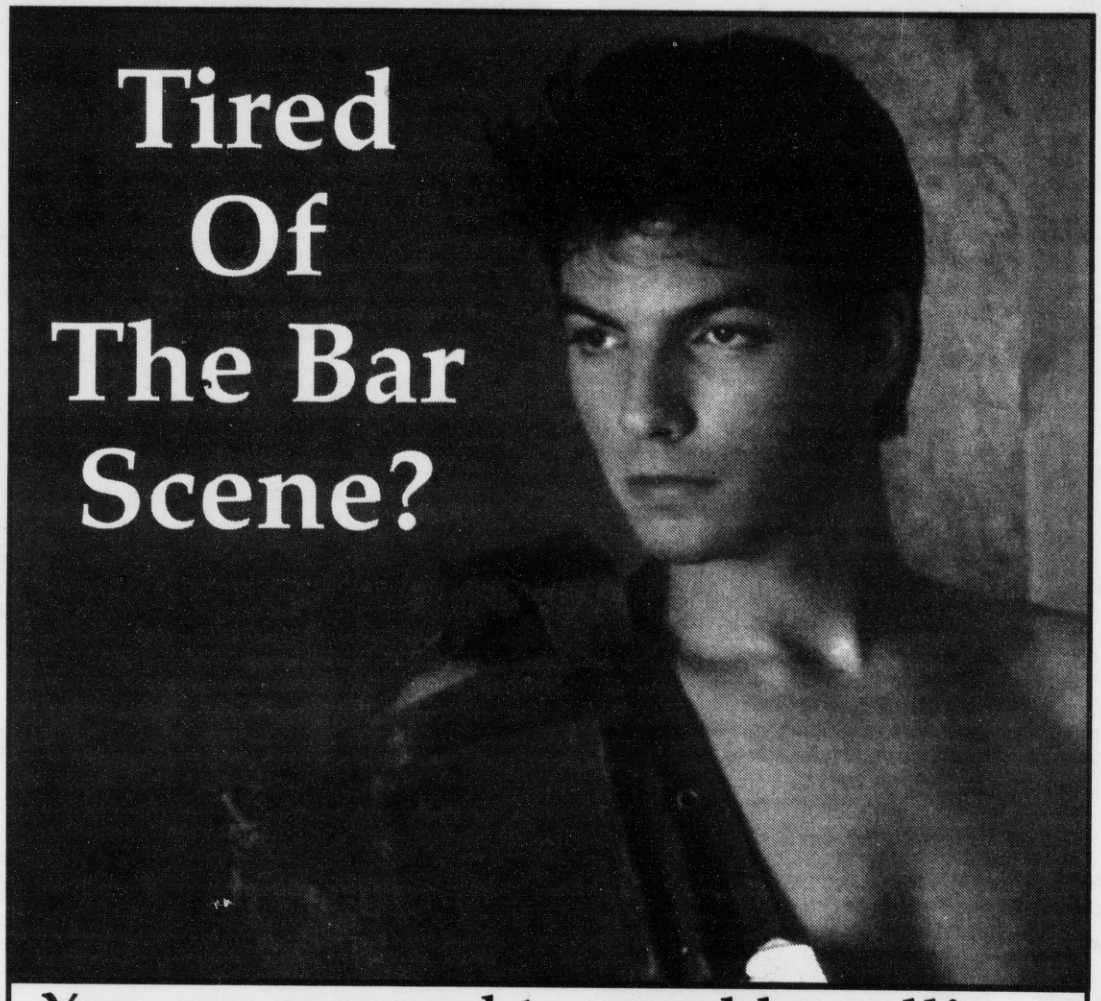

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I'm an attractive artist (great kisser) looking for someone over 30 who's really smart, sexy, fit and friendly (I am) to share time with here and possibly in Australia during the winter or wherever else we both want to be. I'm not interested in being anyone's daddy, so if you're grown up, beautiful in body and soul, compassionate and clever, then let's get together. Reply BT Box JY75C or call ★★9205.

Hey, There!

Looking for a guy who likes to read and loves to dance, is playful in bed and gives good, um, massages. Yeah, that's it, massages. Right—if you're an attractive, affectionate, teddy-bear type with bright eyes and a warm smile, who is HIV-, educated and stable, I'd like to hear from you. Me: I'm same and 32, 5'8", 170#. I have hazel eyes, dark brown hair, and a handsome, well-trimmed beard and moustache. Your letter with recent photo gets mine in return. Thank you. Reply BT Box JY76C.

I'm Not Asking For Much

A house, a dog, a fire and a lover at my side. Maybe you can help? If you are seeking a long-term relationship, this bright and sincere brown-eyed professional is just the marrying kind. He's an attractive 34-year-old GWM, 5'10", 180 lbs., with a muscular build, very affectionate, and waiting to fall head over heels in love with a cute, dark-haired, dark-skinned (Latin?) guy, moderate to slender build, 23-30, who's ready to share both good times and bad. Reply BT Box JY77C or call ★★9206.

Tall And Slim

41-year-old man, 6'4", 160, with beard and brown, thinning hair, would like to meet and make friends. Likes the coast, hairiness, boots/leather, thunderstorms, armpits and technology. Also appreciate canvas and rubber gear such as coveralls, turnouts and related uniforms. Walking in the rain, design and computer animation are other likes. Would like to visit your cabin in the woods. Reply BT Box JY78C.

Gigantic

That describes my fantasy man. He's very tall and large-framed and would make me feel kid sized! He'd pick me up, cradle me in his massive arms, let me climb all over him exploring and arousing his huge body. If you're my Paul Bunyan, my Amazing Colossal Man, and are seeking a cute, boyish, 34 y.o. little guy, 5'11", 165#, red/brown hair, a nice body and a beautiful cock, then write. Reply BT Box JY79C or call ★★9207.

Castro Erotics?

Looking for some good times and erotics among the rest of life's activities, such as work; live music (mostly acoustic); movies; hiking; reading history, mysteries and sci-fi; and, of course, romance! GWM, 43 y.o., 5'4", 140#, blue-eyed, blond, living in the Castro area. Am healthy, HIV+, versatile in bed and enjoy same with a partner. How about a massage exchange to get acquainted or...? Please reply Reply BT Box JY80C or call ★★9208, expect a quick response.

Something Is Missing

GWM, youthful looking 45, attractive and secure with a comfortable lifestyle, good friends, pets and cultured interests (arts, music, film, romantic weekends, travel) is missing the intimacy and companionship of a younger man (GAM encouraged). You are self-aware and independent, yet missing the comfort and support available from someone mature; you are under 35, lean to muscular, and uniquely appealing. We both like kissing, hot J/O, safe fantasy, but are not into top/bottom roles. Your antibody status is unimportant, I'm healthy HIV+. Reply Boxholder #626, 584 Castro St, SF 94114 or call ★★9209.

Smart, Funny And Available

Very handsome, professional, GWM, 38, 6', 185, blue eyes, brown hair, HIV-, nonsmoker/drugs. Witty, kind, compassionate, creative, adventuresome, passionate, honest and independent. Enjoy walking, bicycling, hiking, travel, film, art, good food, personal growth and people watching. Interested in romance leading to long-term relationship. If you have a lot of the same qualities and are close to the same age, healthy and fit and know the difference between a thought and a feeling, send letter with photo (exchange). Reply BT Box JY81C.

A Real Southern Gentleman

This spiritually balanced soul from the South is finally seeking a soulmate and playmate. At 47, I'm 5'9", 145, NS, trim, masculine, athletic, compassionate, br/gr, great smile, happy, successful, professional, sincere, versatile, HIV-, tennis, ski, moustache, theater, music, Giants, passionate, travel, job, with much, much to share. You are probably 30-50, similar interests, content with your life but looking for more—friendship first—trust your intuition. Reply BT Box JY82C.

Say It Like It Is!

I'm a GWM, handsome, medium build, good shape, not gym-toned, 6', 182, crewcut, grayish blond, hazel eyes, glasses/contacts, moustache, occasional beard, usually tanned, 52 yrs. old (but look 40ish), masculine, sexy, mature, self-employed decorator/maintenance, UC, endowed, most comfortable in 501s & tank-tops, moderate drinker, nonsmoker (doesn't bother if you do), HIV- (being positive doesn't frighten me from repliers), very healthy, high energy level, not drug-oriented, hopeless romantic, adventurous, hot kisser, oral-fixated, sensitive/caring, intelligent, sense of humor, fun guy, community leader seeking time for himself after years of services, recently single, sincere-honest, multi-varied interests—leather, 49ers, outdoors, beach walks, easy music, good TV, quiet times, exploring, simplified surroundings, movies and new experiences. Future outlook/goal—date-friendships, romance-hot times, sex with touch & warmth-feelings, a lover/partner, see what develops... few requirements... GWM/GBM, 35-55, rugged handsomeness, masculine, good body, similar height, must be romantic, mutual sexuality, adventurous, sincere, perhaps a beard, hairy chest, sparkling bedroom eyes, a loving smile, animal lover, a good kisser. As you can see I have a lot to offer. If the above lights a certain interest please reply with current photo (will return), letter appreciated. All will be answered! What have you got to lose? If you're honest about yourself and say it like it is as I have done, your reward is meeting the man above! Reply BT Box JY83C or call ★★9210.

Masculine Italian

6'2", dark hair & eyes, husky build, young 40s, smoker, good-looking, moustache, hairy chest, healthy HIV+. Good positive outlook on life. Possess an inner adventurous child. Down-to-earth type. Successful. Seeking a slim, masculine man who is uncomplicated, happy, tolerant, versatile & romantic. A few of my interests include traveling, remodeling, carpentry, gardening, socializing & fast cars. Possible monogamous relationship. Reply: 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★9211.

Man For All Seasons

Very good-looking, masculine, bl/bl, 6'1", 180, athletic, 30-yr.-old, outdoor enthusiast. Looking for dating/relationship with man 25-45, who's solid & comfortable with self. Interests: ocean, walks, mountains, 4x4 extended weekends, snow, kink, scuba, cooking, sex, clouds, evenings at home, cycling, arts, w/o, rain, cuddling, trust, lakes, HIV+, partnership, imagination, stars, optimism, romance, honesty. Lost life partner of ten years. Ready to share again. Photo please (will return). Reply BT Box JY84C or call ★★9212.

Bondage Novice

I've waited too long to pursue my fantasies of bondage: tying up and being tied up with ropes and other restraints. Wanting to learn the ropes of mutual bondage in a safe setting with other gay males. I'm a tad over 6 feet and a heavyset white male. Age and race not important. Limits respected, but occasionally should be pushed. No drugs; safe and sane only. All letters and photos reciprocated. Reply BT Box JY85C.

Choop Khon Thai

Young, educated, professional European (not "American sugar daddy"!) wants to meet young, educated Thai (20-30) for friendship, perhaps as boyfriend. (I used to work in Bangkok.) You and me: good-looking, good health, good mind. Reply BT Box JY86C or call ★★9213.

Happiness And Love

Disabled guy in wheelchair and with speech impediment, who attends Hastings Law School and who is working for the Department of Justice as a summer associate, seeks loving, committed, sensitive guy, with a big heart, to enjoy love and happiness. I am a budding lawyer with lots of future potential and want to share my life with a courageous guy who has self-esteem, energy and vitality. If you are looking for a committed and dynamic relationship, then let's explore our potential. Call ★★9214.

University Student

GWM, 23, 6'3", dark blond hair, blue eyes, bright, mature, independent, quiet optimist with a good sense of humor. Seeking a tall, sane GM, 20-35 (cleanshaven, nonsmoker) with shared interests in music (mostly classical), film, good food, hiking, travel, for a meaningful friendship or relationship. Reply BT Box JY87C.

Quality Seeks Compatible Quality

GWM, 41, 5'8", 155 lbs., blnd/brn, considered attractive, sexually bottom. I'm intelligent, communicative, affectionate, independent, career-oriented, all around nice guy, and more. I enjoy friends, fun times, theater, movies, new experiences, traveling, dining out, nurturing sex, and more. I'm physically attracted to Latinos, Asians, African Americans, and dark-haired men (my age or younger). Let's talk, meet and check out compatibility. Reply BT Box JY88C or call ★★9215.

Looking For Asian Boyfriend

Lonely, stable GWM hoping to find Asian friend, leading to a relationship. I'm friendly, romantic, affectionate, but usually shy. Interests include computers (work in computer industry), electronics, science fiction, cats, travel, watching TV, quiet times at home, more. Don't smoke or drink. I am 39, brown hair/eyes, 5'11", 195#. If you are looking for the same: PO Box 5357, San Mateo 94402 (photo if possible) or call ★★9216.

R.V. Gypsy

Seeking same for caravan of two. GWM, 33, 5'8", 165#, brn, hazel, Taurus, wizard. Likes: R.V. living, great oral sex, massage, meditation, traveling, nature, hiking, music, pleasure faires, wizards and especially warriors! Dislikes: fraud, waste, yuppies, preppies and other materialistic nonsense. I'm open to all other possibilities and also very passionate and dedicated to my warrior. Let's unite now! PO Box 811, Larkspur 94977-0811 or call ★★9217.

Awakening Call

Masculine man of preferably Arab/Mid-Eastern/Mediterranean roots wanted for romance/relationship by this professional (MD), late 30s, 150 lb., in-shape, brown-haired, hazel-eyed, (discreetly) recently out GWM, into dining out, sports, politics, outdoors, travel. Especially interested if you are professional or academic. Broad shoulders, large hairy arms and chest, and a good (non-obese) build catch my eye. If, like me, you are on the shy side or newly out, and are not necessarily comfortable in many gay places, you may win my heart. Am comfortable with who I am: masculine without affectation, adventurous, subtle, kind-hearted, independent thinking, discreet. Reply BT Box JY89C or call ★★9218.

Balanced Spiritual/Physical

Refined, caring, pianist/accompanist/singer/coach, college teacher, INFP/artist-type seeks commitment-oriented soulmate who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, open-minded, aware, adaptable, traditional values, integrity, love of self/others, nature/animals/beauty, philosophical, communicative, young at heart. GWM, 44, 5'7", 122. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★9219.

Your Attention Please!

Are you an active GWM around 30 who keeps himself in good shape, is independent, stable and has a life? Do you know that someday you will meet the man you're going to spend the rest of your life with, but in the meantime would like to make new friends, have some fun, maybe get lucky on occasion? Then I'd like to meet you. I am a very attractive GWM, 31, 6', 155 lbs., HIV-, professionally employed, centered, fit, and enjoy life. Call me, let's see what happens. Reply BT Box JY90C or call ★★9220.

Amorous Asian Times 2

GAM seeks other GAM(s) playmates for safe and sexy fun. I'm 38, 5'8", 150#. Activities are focused outdoors by day and the usual social nite life. Want to meet other GAM(s) who are not inhibited about possible three-way. Reply BT Box JY91C or call ★★9221.

Handsome, Happy, Intelligent, Romantic

Articulate, intelligent, fun, open-minded, great sense of humor, fit Asian guy, 27 y.o., 180 lbs., 6', prof. musician into outdoors, beach, opera with a passion, good and bad TV/movies, dancing, quiet and crazy nights, friends with even more passion, honesty, seeks similar, HIV-, 25-40, no drugs. Prefer tall WM for friendship, maybe more, but am seeking a person, not just a type. Reply BT Box JY92C or call ★★9222.

Running Mate Wanted For Winning Ticket

Tall, slender GWM, 55, brown hair, upbeat, warm, caring, tactile, nice platform, seeks candidates for landslide victory and long-term administration. Ticket balancers welcome but age, ethnic origin unimportant. However, no Republicans or candidates from smoke-filled rooms. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 766, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★9223.

I'd like to meet someone who is interested in meeting and eventually establishing a serious relationship with a regular sort of guy, clean-cut, somewhat good-looking, HIV+ and healthy, exercised, with varied interests, 6', 170 lbs., 36, dk blond hair, intelligent, professional, free of substance abuse, and above all—someone who wants to talk with you, care for you, share your pain & joy, someone who needs to press his hard body against yours, somewhat independent, a quiet man who needs another... man. Reply BT Box JY93C or call ★★9224.

Balance: Body And Soul

Attracted to smooth, good-looking Asians, Latins or ?, 18-35, but also seeking more serious Partner (or just friends—all types): very casual and easygoing, quiet nights at home or ?, music (pop, jazz, sacred, etc.), ethnic food, no heavy alcohol/drugs, XX fantasy (but stable lifestyle), Far Side sense of humor, Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Chaplin, Moderate-Christian or ?, philosophy, etc. I'm WM, 29, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking. Letter & photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter, #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★9225.

Chunky, Hunky Daddy

Active, fit, beefy, white guy, 45, 5'11", 235 lbs., brn, brn, moustache, very masculine, big neck, arms, beer belly, love handles with broad shoulders for support. Likes younger guys ready for intense, safe but sometimes rough fun leading to more fun or ? Stable, independent yet yielding guys write Boxholder, PO Box 424986, SF 94142-4986 or call ★★9226.

Santa Rosa/North Bay, HIV- 3-Way

Two white males seek third. We're early 50s, look 30s. Must be honest, sincere, no games, no one-nighters, clean, discreet, HIV-. Join us for fun in the sun. Weekends are best. Write PO Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★9227.

Student Seeks Companionship

GAM, 5'4", 28 y.o., 130 lbs., seeks men, 20-35, for honest and sincere friendship. I am looking for someone who is fun-loving, honest, sincere, financially and emotionally stable. I am a non-drinker, nonsmoker, drug-free. I enjoy camping, hiking, eating out, movies, working out, cooking or just staying home, having a clean, fun conversation. If interested, please write to (photo appreciated): T.Q., PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★9228. Serious only please. Thanks!

"Father Knows Best"

Average, tall, GWM, 44, 190#, with gut, 'stache, grey temples, glasses, HIV-, smoker, social cocktailer, high roller in business. More than average in personality, brains & dick, art-inclined, zany ("I Married Joan"/Lucy), charismatic, orally inclined with the magic. Looking for tall GWM, 24-34, with pizazz, who can take on life with a bang, for being wined, dined, and socially dated—write Box 213, 109 Minna St., SF 94105.

Massage Junkie

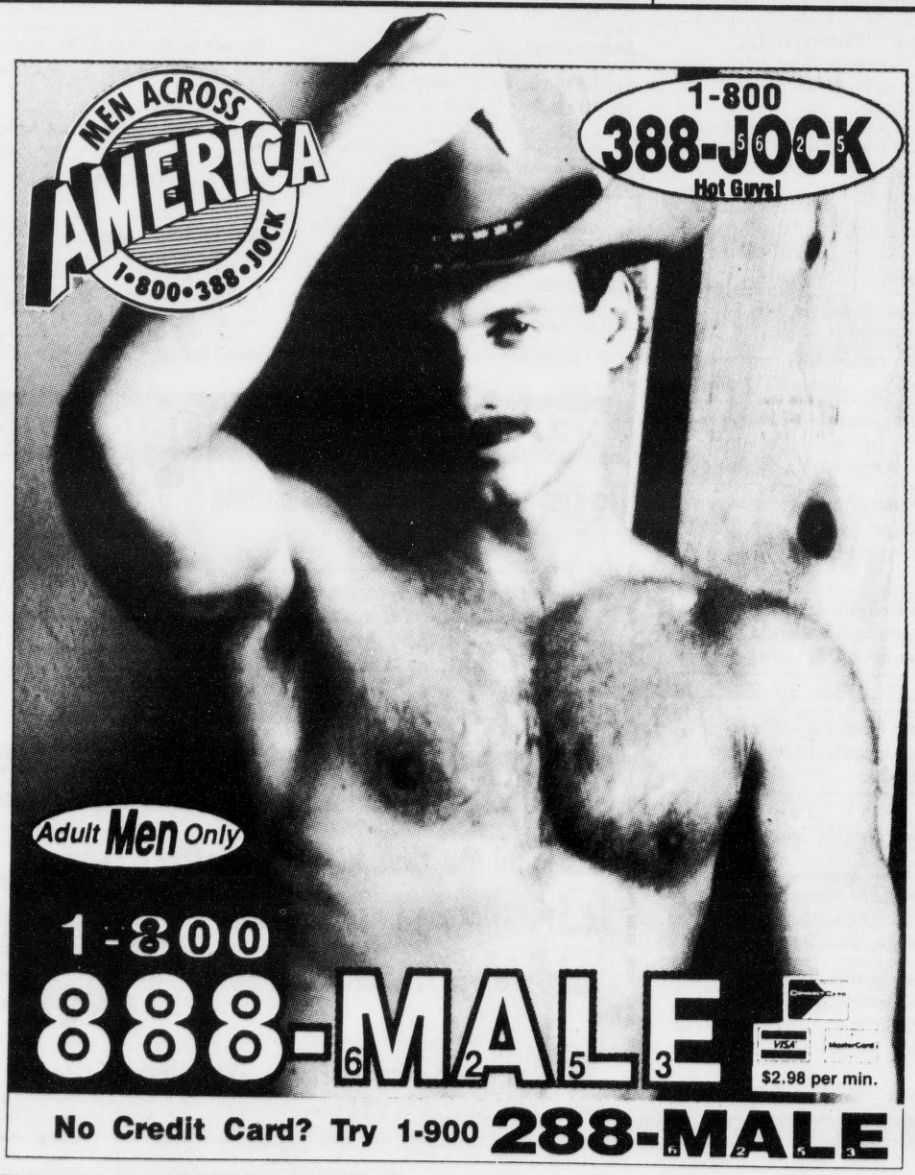
Seeks warm buns to rub. You: slender to average, skin hungry, and bottom. Me: warm, funny, great hands, top. Rest your sore muscles on my table at the River. Send photo and description. I'm 38, blond, blue, 145 & 5'8". Loosen up. PO Box 471, Monte Rio 95462 or call ★★9229.

Napa Valley Round Two

I'm looking for the love of my loins. Can you be him? GWM, 30, blond & blue & all too true, 6 ft. and trim with a California grin. The man I seek is far from meek, unintentionally masculine with a trim physique. I am not a trick, so don't waste my rhyme. If you think you're slick, drop me your line. HIV- only and a photo would be great. PO Box 515, Napa 94559.

Something Different

GWM, 33, 5'10", 155, HIV-. Attractive, intelligent, warm, very successful. Loves life and knows how to live. Seeks sexy, masculine, clean-cut, boy next door, 18-30, for travel, adventure, friendship, good times and hot safe sex. Not seeking monogamous love and one-night tricks aren't worth the bother. Just want to spend time with a guy who can turn me on, in and out of bed. If that's you, don't hesitate. You won't be sorry. Serious letter/photo (both a must) to: PO Box 472133, SF 94147 or call ★★9230.



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Wine Country
Rural GWM, 55 (look younger), 5'9", 165 lbs., seeking younger white guy, 20s-30s. I'm honest, attractive, affectionate & looking for dating/relationship & seek same. I enjoy the outdoors & the city & travel & avoid the bars. Please send photo/phone to: PO Box 1061, Windsor CA 95492.

GWM, 42 y.o., 6'1", 187 lbs.
Good-looking, attractive, straight-acting, HIV-, seeks men any age for friendship or relationship. PO Box 13742, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★9231.

Gentle Tough Guy
WM, 35, 5'9", 155 lbs., good-looking, masculine, work outdoors (landscaping business), brn, blue, moustache, clean-cut, moderate body hair, HIV-, nonsmoker. Would like to meet cute guy, 25-40, who is smooth, clean-cut, HIV-, Latin, white or Eurasian. I like hiking/camping, economics/politics, direct spiritual knowledge, and music (primarily rock). I'm planning to buy non-overvalued land and relocate my business. I want to develop a small farm and demonstration landscape, a simple home where I'll make fine food, space to do artwork, and a life free from bosses, landlords, greed, debt slavery and other capitalist diseases. You're a guy who knows himself, wants a compatible way of life, and has been in a good relationship before (I'm still good friends with my ex). You like a balance of togetherness and independence. I like lots of foreplay, have sensitive nipples, and have usually been a top—but would love to be fucked by a gentle guy who I'm close to. Farming or working class background a plus. Reply BT Box JY94C or call ★★9232.

Rock My World
Gorgeous, smart, witty GJM, 31, Gemini, seeks a conversational and emotional top to show me a few new tricks. I'm cynical, jaded and world weary, but a man with imagination, spontaneity and a highly evolved sexual/sensual repertoire will have the time of his life. Special turn-ons: Apres sex (unshowered) public appearances, power, daring, contradictions. 2261 Market St., #141, SF 94114 or call ★★9233.

Sit On It
While I nibble your nipples and drive you wild with passion. Arab, 40, 5'8", 160 lbs., hairy, wants smooth Asians, Latins, HIV-. PO Box 31834, SF 94131 or call ★★9234.

Let's Make A Difference
Searching for a partner who, like me, dares to be different, enjoys doing for others, is making a difference in life, and is motivated, intelligent, self-confident, financially secure, stable, fun, romantic and into quiet evenings as much as galas. Personality and brains are more important than GQ looks. I prefer slim/skinny men, 5'10" +, 28-34. I am 6'2", 190#, HIV-, 42, a high-achieving professional, and ready to devote time, energy and love to a relationship. Reply BT Box JY95C or call ★★9235.

Got Enough Friends?
Me too. GWM, 47, 5'10" or so, 165, blond hair and moustache, fit, healthy, smart, funny, professional and nice-looking, even cute I'm told. I love movies, theater, traveling and home. And I do all that with my good, good friends. What's missing? A GWM, 35-50, who's interested in some or all of the above, who has a sense of humor, who wants a partner, who's HIV-, who likes sex, who's attractive and fit and, above all, who has that magic chemistry with me. All letters and photos reciprocated. Reply BT Box JY96C or call ★★9236.

Are You All Belly?
Is your belly your most prominent feature? Does it stick out over your jeans? If so, and you are under 45, and a top, then this handsome 32-year-old, 180 lbs., with brown hair, blue eyes and a short beard, wants to hear from you now! Call ★★9237.

Positively Seeking Maturity
This tall, slender, blue-eyed blond in my 50s is also a healthy and caring person with a positive attitude and a good sense of humor. My interests include films, theater, travel, restaurants and the great outdoors. I am a nonsmoker and light drinker. I am interested in meeting a mature (40+) Asian man with similar interests and attitudes. Reply BT Box JY97C.

"HIV+ Friends"
This very good-looking, 31 years old (who looks younger) is looking to network with other young HIV+ guys with a healthy attitude, who want friendship, someone to hang out with. My interests are: healthy diet, bodybuilding, metaphysics, animals, nature, travel, theater, movies, TV, dancing, scuba diving, and whatever else we can do to have fun! Disinterests are: drugs, pot, cigs, or heavy drinkers. If you're looking for or need an HIV+ friend with a healthy attitude, then drop me a line or two, and a photo and we'll get together. Reply BT Box JY98C or call ★★9238.

Party Between My Legs
Hot WM stud digs cola, seeks cockslave to get me ripped and jack me off for hours, suck my dick, play with my balls, etc. I'm boyishly masculine, handsome, cleanshaven, 6'1", 165, 30 yrs., brn hair, grn eyes, hung 8½ & thick cut, nice 'shroom head, thick handful/mouthful, even when soft. Enthusiasm, endurance, party supply, generosity, more important than looks. Call me when it snows! Call ★★9239.

Cool!
I'm a nature-walking, piano-playing, City exploring, culture-appreciating, non-materialistic, spiritual and practical, attractive, bearded, balding GWM, East Bay teacher, 43, 5'11", 165. Seeking lean, not extremely hairy, Asian, Caucasian, or other, who's about 25-45, reliable, communicative, non-perfectionistic, masculine, substance unhooked, HIV-, out as gay. Up for dating, aim for supportive, loving, growing, cuddling, orgasmic relationship. Describe yourself, include phone, photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★9240.

Handsome... Intelligent... Masculine... Nonsmoker
If you are a GWM between 23-32, who fits this description and are seeking a straight-acting, attractive, Hawaii boy, then write me. I am 29, 5'6", 140, smooth, American with Japanese ancestry. I like sports, ball games, theater, and guys who have their act together. My "ideal man" is taller than I am, good body, independent and outgoing. Send photo/phone to: Box #116, 3567 Benton, Santa Clara 95051 or call ★★9241.

I Seek A Very Special Person
For a very special and long-lasting relationship. I am a GWM, 31, 5'8", slender, cleanshaven, with dark hair and eyes. I am intelligent, well-educated, caring and gentle. You are 22-35, highly intelligent and well-educated, and quite possibly Asian. You have a career or field or study that you love passionately. Like me, you are slim, cleanshaven and a nonsmoker, and you seek a monogamous, loving relationship that will endure forever. You won't find me in a bar; instead, you're much more likely to find me visiting a bookstore or library; or at home, reading a book or listening to NPR; or having a conversation with a friend; or contemplating how happy I would be if I were your lover. You'd come home from work, give me a hug, and we'd have dinner together; afterward, we'd take a walk together hand in hand, watch the sun set, and then come home and fall asleep in each other's gentle embrace. PO Box 40352, Berkeley 94704.

Looking For Top
GWM, bottom-type, submissive, very oral! 35, 5'8", 140 lbs., slim, dark short hair, green eyes, hairless body, foreigner, studying English in SF, educated, cultivated, honest, like to be defenseless, orders, bondage, fantasy in sex. I don't like pain, very open to new things, ND, NS, looking for a slim or muscular top in leather, under 50, who is fair and respects limits. Like any race, especially Blacks. Photo and phone please to BT Box JY99C.

Asian Romance
Very attractive Berkeley GWM, 35, seeks mature inner-directed Asian, 27-37, interested in relationship. I'm professional, spiritually oriented, playful, strong and passionate. Physically, I'm 5'9", 138 pounds, cleanshaven and HIV-. My interests include working out, swimming, meditation, psychology, photography, the outdoors and symphony. You are introspective, in good shape, communicative and masculine. I prefer a letter with picture. Reply BT Box JY100C or call ★★9242.

Absolutely Positive
HIV (Handsome, Intelligent, Versatile) GWM PWA seeks new friendships and possibly more. Still very active, I enjoy working part-time in electronics research, but I also enjoy modern art, movies, classical, jazz, motorcycles, and walking my dog at Land's End. Although I have lost weight due to my condition, how many GMs in their 40s do you know with a flat stomach and can wear boys' size 18? Also, keep in mind that not all parts of my anatomy have shrunk. So if you are not uptight about spending time with a PWA who is still cute and dependable, give me a call at ★★9243.

Young Bondage Enthusiast
GWM student looking for others to age 35 for safe, sane and erotic bondage. I am interested in cleanshaven Asian, Latin and white guys to play mutually or be under my control. Have lots of toys and am relatively new at this but sincere. Your interest could be my interest—take a chance. Leather, rubber and iron are my specialties. No S/M or torture interests. Call ★★9244.

Rebel Needs A Cause
Looking for cleanshaven man, balding or with dark hair and strong hands to spank this bad boy Mishima type. Be in decent shape. You have big bike. I hang on. Me: 5'3", 145, 24 y.o. You: sweet and in search of more than just a one bike stand. Call ★★9245.

My First Time
Advertising, that is. Boyishly handsome, very intelligent, GWM, 28, work out, have no problem meeting men in bars but it's time to try something new. Like pop music/dance/some country. Healthy HIV+. Other interests include traveling, tennis, movies, outdoors, romance. Looking for cleanshaven, nonsmoking, GWM, 24-35, handsome and in good shape. Photo preferred. Will return. End result being... who can say? Reply BT Box JY101C or call ★★9246.

Thick And Hunky
GWM, 36, good-looking professional, blond hair, green eyes, masculine, muscular build, hairy chest and legs, playful and affectionate, seeks other good-looking guys around 18-45, who are HIV-, honest and sincere, maybe have a few similar interests, and know what they want. Call ★★9247.

Tall, Dark & Handsome
So they tell me. GWM, 29, 6'6", 215, brn hair, green eyes, masculine, HIV-, professional. I have a great life; own a home in the valley (80 miles east of SF), great job, beautiful golden retriever, etc. But single. I enjoy: progressive music, boating, weekend getaways, the gym, walks, evenings at home watching "Star Trek—The Next Generation" or "Murphy Brown." If you're 20 to 33, fit, good-looking and sincere, let's talk. Call ★★9248.

A Handsome Thai Male
Is available to a special GWM! Hi! I am 35, 5'8", 170#, and a collegiate, guy-next-door type with a hard, silky bod. Huggable and beddable. A tennis player and a software professional. I seek a high-achieving GWM. He is 30-45, athletic, cleanshaven, and an incurable romantic. Please respond to Boxholder 128, 633 Post St., SF 94109 or call ★★9249.

New To San Francisco
GWM, 36, 5'8", 140 lbs., slim, masculine, clean-cut, short dark hair, Swiss, studying English in SF, art curator, educated, cultivated, honest, progressive, open-minded, NS, ND, looking for friends, relationships and whatever else happens, 25-45, slim or muscular, no beard, have a lot of interests, from kitsch to art, from just fun to intellectual questions, from caress to hot sex to... Open for new things, like any race. Letter and picture to BT Box JY102C.

Fit In My Lap?
Bearded, gym-going, attractive academic, 5'10", 168, br/br, Clinton's age, seeks quality cuddling with fine-boned, high-toned younger guy. Likes: smooth skin, coffeehouses, small feet, big hearts, Susie Bright, Gary Wills, "Heathers," green-eyed Thais, boyish bods, Cuomo speeches, sleeping like spoons, acting like loons, "NY Review of Books," role-reversals, winning a Nobel Prize, you purring in my thighs. Reply BT Box JY103C or call ★★9250.

Moonlight And Magnolias
This has to be the greatest scandal of all times. How can such a great catch remain uncaught? Well, sad to say it's true. He's been looking for that one man who will turn his love life into one of "moonlight and magnolias" for some time with little luck. A puzzlement, yes? So, what about this guy? Well, I can tell you that he's a very handsome WM, thirties, dark auburn hair, blue eyes, cleanshaven, 180 lbs., and 6' tall. He takes care of himself, has great skin, a wonderful smile, is in good shape and a regular exerciser. Born in the South, he has good manners. Grand sense of humor. He's happy. HIV-. So, what's he like to do? Well, lots of things, but here are a few examples: rides his bike, hikes in the hills, visits the Natural History Museum, likes to go on picnics and C/W dance. He's affectionate, romantic and a great kisser to boot. Steamy sensuality will drive him crazy, as will another great kisser. Like everyone else, he has a low tolerance for a few things, including drugs, cigarettes and excessive alcohol. The man most likely to make him swoon would be another good-looking WM, around 30-40, in good shape with a nice smile. He'd be truthful and caring, another die-hard romantic who craves affection. Just a regular cute guy not afraid to show emotion. I know he'd appreciate a thoughtful, detailed letter describing yourself. A returnable photo would be most appreciated. What's holding you back? Each day you delay is a day you can't spend with him! Reply BT Box JY104C or call ★★9251.

Handsome, Hunky, Peninsula Men Wanted
By a somewhat shy 32-year-old GWM who is 6'2", 180, with brown hair, blue eyes, a short beard and enjoys hiking, biking, motorcycles and weekend trips to the mountains. We are both masculine, stable, upbeat guys who are HIV-, nonsmokers, light drinkers and not into bars. PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★9252.

Sailor Seeks Live-Aboard Lover
To share the freedom aboard my 45 ft. sailboat and help me continue the perfect Bay Area natural lifestyle. I'm 40, 5'11", 170, fit, HIV- and ready to bond with a young man who has an unfulfilled sense of adventure. No experience necessary, just the will to learn, a hunger to explore and the desire for a monogamous relationship. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★9253.

It
A partnership with another independent guy who's moving along in life, learning more about himself all the time, approaching each new experience as an opportunity to be his best. A guy who likes his job or hates his job, but at least has some thoughts about how to get started with what's next. An unbelievably handsome guy (who may not even know it) exuding a strong, masculine something beneath some natural, wholesome, maybe farm-fed, almost boyish good looks; and accompanied by a balance of nice-for-my-boyfriend-to-hold muscle and I-have-a-life-outside-the-gym realism. A guy who's learned the importance of affection, honest communication, and spontaneous romantic gestures. A guy who's open to sharing new interests as well as keeping his own. A guy whose introspection, shyness and discriminating interest has perhaps been misinterpreted as aloofness. A guy who doesn't smoke. A guy who would be attracted to a GWM like me who's 31, aesthetically similar to the physical description above (6'2", 193, blue eyes, light brown hair), and who loves his job and his workouts but could probably use an excuse to do a little less of both. A guy who wants all or most of what is written here. A guy who's ready for it. Reply BT Box JY105C.

Bright & Sexy & 30
On the outside I look like a graduate student, younger than my years, clean-cut, sexy, a regular guy. But on the inside I am a social and political radical alienated by casual sex and the frenetic pace and vapidity of the gay male "scene"; most of my adult life has been spent in graduate school or working for social justice. Looking for attractive guy about my age interested in all things progressive and ready to bond with a man unafraid of commitment and unafraid of intimacy. Reply BT Box JY106C or call ★★9254.

Serious Relationship
Looking for serious, intimate relationship with someone of similar values. I'm an artist, 44, 5'7", slim, European-born, Jewish, and HIV-. Chemistry is more important than identical interests, but some of mine include art, films, reading, the outdoors, travel and learning about other cultures and languages. I find I can relate best to bright, sensitive people, with a sense of humor, between the ages of 40-50. If this interests you, perhaps we can meet for coffee and see how things go. Call ★★9255.

Suited On The Outside, Open-Minded On The Inside
WM, 33, 5'7", 145#, dark hair/hazel eyes, NS, ND, HIV-. Dedicated business professional is my occupation; running, biking, hiking, sports are my activities; travel, movies, music, TV are my relaxations; humor, honesty, integrity, independence are my qualities. Seeking similar, ± 5 years, for friendship and more. Call, let's shed our armor and explore one another, inside and out. Call ★★9256.

Oakland/Berkeley/East Bay
Quirky, passionate, good-looking GWM, 39, 6', 180, HIV-, looking to meet well-built guys of similar statistics for mental and physical engagement, long-term relationship desired. Interests: gardening, food, swimming, talking, sleeping together, quiet times, dealing with the ups and downs of life. Dry sense of humor and emotional availability required. Reply with note and if possible photo (returned) or copy. Reply BT Box JY107C.

Life Is A Feast...
And most poor suckers are starving! Help me eat it up. Good-looking GAM, 26, 5'10", 150#, just moved back to California, looking for fun things to nibble on: running, tennis, dancing, friendship. Have you got something that tastes good? Call for a dinner date. Call ★★9257.

35-year-old GWM, professional engineer, 5'9", 150 lbs., grn/brn, ND, NS, HIV-, seeks bright GM, mid-20s to mid-30s, for companionship and possible relationship. Enjoy swimming workouts, jazz, C&W and swing dancing, bicycling, noodle houses, political discussions, cats, Macintoshes, travel. Please send photo/letter. Reply BT Box JY108C.

Tall GWM, 34, enjoys art, theater, politics, hiking & being outdoors. Looking for new friends, dates (& if it's right) serious relationship. Prefer smart, reasonably fit, inquisitive men, 25 to 35. Physically I'm 6'4", weigh 190, avg.-nice-looking, with brown hair & blue eyes. HIV-. Sexually I'm attracted to versatile, smooth-bodied, youthful guys. Photos returned. Reply BT Box JY109C.

Shave You Smooth?
Masculine, good-looking WM, 31, 6'1", 180 lbs., seeks similar WMs in need of a haircut. I get turned on by men with flattops, crewcuts or shaved heads and have clippers and razors ready for my first time shaving experience. I'm especially attracted to meet someone with long hair who is willing to go all the way and be videotaped. Let's see if you can make the final cut. Call ★★9258.

Masculine, Midwestern & Mellow
Handsome, fun-loving, in-shape WM, 40, 6'1", 180, brown/blue, HIV-, seeks similarly jockish, healthy, good-natured W/H/AM for friendship and hopefully more. Bicycling, swimming and hiking keep me fit; music, movies and travel keep me interesting. You're 21-42, mature but playful, free of cant from right or left and responsible. Let's meet and enjoy summer in and outside the City! Call ★★9259.

Cuddle Buddy Wanted
Blond PWA, 32, 5'9", 145, looking for mutual affection and intimacy. I see a happy future and would like to share this with a special friend. I enjoy cinema, dining, travel & conversation. Prefer at least 30s, masculine, physically & mentally fit nonsmoker. I offer positive attitude and a great deal of affection. All letters & photos will be reciprocated. Reply BT Box JY110C.

"It's A Strange World, Sandy"
Non-stereotypical GWM—creative, shyish, athletic, 26, 6', 150, brn/brn, HIV-, cleanshaven—seeks similar explorers (18-28) of atypical worlds. Likes dolphins, penguins, Bugs Bunny, Pretenders, Proclaimers, Orbison, Monty Python, Matt Groening, Dr. Strangelove, Wesley Crusher, Blue Velvet, frisbee, tennis, 3-pointers, GG Park, guitar, waxing philosophic. Dislikes trend slavery, Chuck Woolery, "Fred Basset." Let's compare chemistries. Bonus point for smooth/slender, boyish types (especially GAM/GWM)! Reply BT Box JY111C.

Fun & Friendship
Bisexual, married man seeks GWM for fun times. I like bicycling, swimming, movies, art, dancing, exploring the Bay Area, etc.... I'm 34 years old, 5'6", 125 lbs., HIV-, green eyes, attractive, with a beautiful smile. Attracted to masculine men from 30-45. Married & bisexual also welcome. Reply BT Box JY112C or call ★★9260.

Levi Strauss (Jr.)
The anthropologist not the jeans—although I'm almost always in jeans (but comfortable in a tie). Me: GWM, 25, 150# (slim), br/br, smoker/drinker, average looking, bearded and hairy; looking to conduct in-depth research with intelligent, masculine, in-shape, versatile bottom big brother/daddy in SF area. You: WM, 30-50, mature, butch, and having a desire to explore, learn and teach all aspects of humanity. Bondage a plus (I have a little experience and want more). Casual to serious (if it's a good match). Occupant, PO Box 252, Berkeley 94701.

For Lovers Only
I'm not interested in one-night stands, but something substantial instead. Good-looking, sexy GBM, 32, 6', 185#. Very fit, healthy, HIV-. I'm stable, well-read, well-traveled, spiritual, artistic, creative, self-aware, eclectic, adventuresome, opinionated, yet flexible. I can dress up or down, NS, light drinker. Seeking man of quality & substance, smart, funny, versatile, romantic and real, 25-42, any race. Call or write. Reply BT Box JY113C or call ★★9261.

Chenrezig, Anyone?
GWM, Tibetan Buddhist, 40, HIV+, 175#, (double Scorpio), seeking partner/consort for sex meditation. Must know how to surrender, follow instructions and be karmically connected with me

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such that when I kiss you your body hairs stand on end. I am not looking for a lover or a relationship as I spend most of my time in silence, but if there's someone out there who knows what bliss is possible in a divine embrace, what miracles are possible in a heart filled with compassion, and what joy is possible in the meeting of two minds in luminous emptiness, then I now make myself available to you. Call ★★9262.

J/O Buddy Wanted

I'm a friendly 44-year-old WM with a good sense of humor. I'm employed but don't have a whole lot of money. I'm seeking friendly guys to share inexpensive city activities and mutual J/O or similar light sex. I especially like any of these: younger, skinny, smooth, Asian, sense of humor, intelligent. PO Box 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★9263.

Let's 2-Step Into Each Other's Life

Me: Handsome, 43 y.o. Cauc. professional, 6'1", 190 lbs., fair, moustache & stubble, great body (swim, work out), atypical-secure, warm, considerate, giving, extremely affectionate. You: very handsome in a rugged, masculine (& yet tender) way, mid-late 30s, Caucasian, unattached, facial hair (beard?!), dark features, lean physique, no piercings, together, romantic, supportive, extremely affectionate. Us: home & relationship-oriented, but also into travel & diverse shared interests, unusually decent, down-to-earth, non-ghettoized types, ND, NS, HIV-. I hear the music. Shall we dance? Spare photo? Reply BT Box JY114C.

Perfectman Doesn't Exist

But for reference, he'd be like me: natural (non-ghettoized), 5'8" to 5'11", thirtyish, weightlifting-defined 150# to 210#, swarthy, moustached, Italian looking, avoiding tattoos, jewelry, cologne, chic haircuts, or logos—and at least handsome enough (not boyish or rough) to make Advocate Men, which Perfectman's only seen by accident. Perfectman wouldn't need to say how handsome, well-built or sexy I am, or that I have a gorgeous cock and know how to use it because his speed in returning my phone calls would be a religious testimonial. Instead, he'd comment enthusiastically on my contemporary art, found objects, or record collection. Perfectman might even overlook my financial ineptness, exploiting my artistic, horticultural and other domestic qualities, or would manipulate me in a direction that was mutually beneficial. Sharing my disdain for cigarettes, popular escapism & commercial culture, Perfectman would enjoy an evening of 78s and cuddling or an afternoon of hiking, gardening or riding. Perfectman and I would waltz in non-gay clubs and wouldn't bother eating in gay restaurants. Perfectman would not be threatened by my materialist world view or independent thinking on matters of nationalism and environmentalism, and would find my candor and left-wing values to be integral to our shared humor. Visuals and entertaining letter to: PO Box 460662, SF 94146.

Summer Fun!

Gym-toned GAM, 26, HIV-, desires GWM, GAM, GLM for summer adventures in and/or out of bed. I'm grad student and health professional; enjoy life and people without pretention. Want a "nice guy" to enjoy some good times. I like many types from preppies to buzz cuts. You should be healthy, masculine, smart, fit and fun. Let's meet to see if there's chemistry for more. Call ★★9264.

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Spanking For Yuppies

Masculine GAM, 26, spanks cleanshaven Bi or GWM, 18-45. Yuppies, preppies, jocks, business suits, wingtips, uniforms, boxer shorts a+. You will lay across my knees for some old-fashioned woodshed discipline. Masculine only. No beards or tattoos. Photo gets first response. Must have own place. Correspondence welcomed. PO Box 210548, SF 94121 or call ★★9266. Now, assume the position!

Serious Oral Service

Sought. I'm hung, horny and hungry for hot head. Body: 5'9", brown, blue, moustache, 165, 48, and very well-hung. Mind: interests galore, culture and nature, mask and face, words and things, fantasy and flesh. Passion and originality are keen; a hairy chest and dark skin a plus. Hot licks and lewd talk. Seek sexual friendship, open to more. Call ★★9267.

Physical Trainer...

You were at the Stud July 4 in white shorts, sleeveless plaid shirt and workboots. You danced alone so beautifully and creatively I told you you were like music to watch. You said it just came from the feeling. We started to connect, let's finish. You've been on my mind ever since. Reply BT Box JY115C or call ★★9268.

Another Place, Another Time

5'10", 130 lbs., GWM, 24, liberal-minded, regular Joe, except that he dresses like it's 1947. Any guys out there my age with a similar wardrobe? Interested in history as well as the future? I'm a lt. drinker/smoker (considerate of those who abstain) who loves movies, Cole Porter and anything art deco. I'm also a man who dresses like a man. Hopefully you're the same. Call ★★9269.

Tall, Bright, Grown-Up

Begins to describe me (6'5", 200, 55). Am attractive, playful, a cuddler, massage-exchanger, poet, teacher, drawer of male nudes from life. Ready to date. Willing to consider a fairly wide range of people. If you are bright, warm and fun, why not write me about yourself? Reply BT Box JY116C.

Right To The Point

You know how them big, strong redheaded men are. This one in particular loves to kiss and cuddle with furry, tactile men who can enjoy some rough and tumble as well as gentle "vanilla." I'm 37, 5'11", 185#, bearded, handsome, healthy, clean/sober, and positive in more ways than one. My taste tends to furry men of all ages. Not looking for a husband, but if you want to bring yours along, that's OK, too. On the other hand, if you do manage to arouse my romantic streak, I can be a devoted and loyal lover. Photo and letter. Reply BT Box JY117C or call ★★9270.

"Only Pure Gold For The Hearts Of Fire"

A very attractive Mestizo boy with a beautiful smile and a smooth, well-defined body; 27 yrs. old; blk/brn; 140 lbs; 5'7"; HIV-; is searching for a steady boyfriend who's emotionally and mentally mature; sincere; loyal; romantic; monogamous; compassionate; under 30; cute; fun to be with; and free to love. For guaranteed response, please send most recent picture w/letter. Reply BT Box JY118C.

Massage Exchange

East Bay GM seeks nurturing, strictly non-sexual massage exchange. Me: 32, athletic, strong, gentle, amateur masseur (friends say I'm good at massage), intelligent, introspective, in recovery, in and out of therapy, stable but vulnerable; want physical contact without sexual entanglement. You: strong, caring, communicative, interested and experienced in non-sexual massage exchange. Age, race, looks—unimportant. Does this make sense? Can you honor a boundary? Let's meet. Reply BT Box JY119C or call ★★9271.

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I don't want a "Daddy," but might happily apply 40 strokes to a man who looks like one. I'm red-bearded, late 30s, healthy, handsome, hard-working, and playfully twisted in humor and in bed; enjoy movies and opera, cooking. My only psychotropic chemical is chocolate. You're over 40, grey-furred and bearded, at least moderately literate, don't smoke. We're both too independent to be looking for a lover, but affectionate enough to enjoy sexual friendships. Extra points for Capricorns and Catholics. Photo and letter. Reply BT Box JY120C or call ★★9272.

Love, Anyone?

I'm a 5'4", 120 lb., Southern Italian/Arabic man who longs for romance in this beautiful city. I'm finding sex, but my heart yearns for more. I like dark men (Asians, Latins, Italians, Middle Eastern men, especially) who know how to have sex and be romantic. Am I an anachronism? I'm sexually versatile and my heart's open. Willing to take a risk? Reply BT Box JY121C or call ★★9273.

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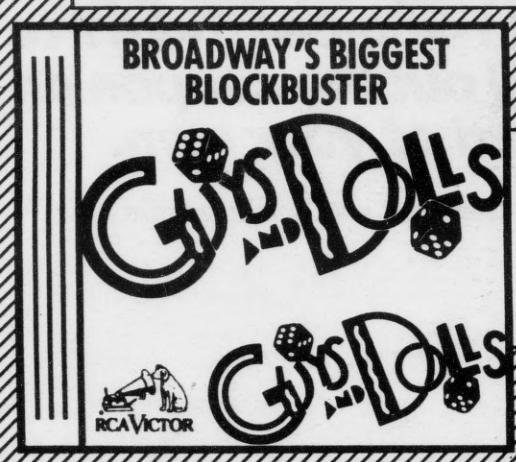

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